

WOODNEWTON NEWS

JULY 2016



"Tophat" by Ann McLeod

Photo: Marilyn Jenner

Woodnewton Open Gardens & Church Flower Festival June 2016

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News and Reports

From the Editors:

We will have our traditional summer break in August. If you have anything to submit please get it to the usual email address by 14th August for publication in September. We welcome contributions of all kinds from anyone in the village and love to hear from you. Why not send us a book or film review or introduce us to new neighbours, let us know of births or write obituaries? There are many ways you can help to keep the newsletter interesting and relevant.

In the meantime, we'd like to thank all our regular contributors, both writers and photographers who make this newsletter what it is.

The Parish Council met on 6th June

Public Time

PCSO Nadia Norman reported back on the 'Security walk' held the previous evening. Nadia presented a detailed report on potential weak areas around the village that can attract crime. More details from her report will be published in the newsletter.

A number of residents also attended to raise issues around the re-instatement work being undertaken by Gialclear and the ongoing work to re-surface St Mary's Hill

Matters arising from previous meeting

The results from a number of recent planning applications were noted. Action has been taken to subdue the noisy cockerel on the allotments. It was noted that this has had some effect in reducing noise in the early hours.

Planning

An application was received (16/01078/TCA) which was returned without objection.

Village Fingerpost

A volunteer had offered to repair the fingerpost on the triangle after inaction from the Highways Dept.

Wastebins

Consideration was given to re-siting the waste bin by the entrance to the playing field after being damaged by passing traffic. It was decided to leave the bin where it is as it stops traffic from ruining the verge and more importantly speeding close to the pedestrian gateway.

Spire Homes

The Council has contacted Spire Homes about the state of the grass at Orchard Crescent.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 4th July

Andrew Hansford - Parish Council Chairman

St Mary's Services

3rd Sung Holy Communion	9.30am	Canon Bill Girard
10th Matins	9.30am	Jo Booth
17th Sung Holy Communion	9.30am	Rev Peter Konig with visiting organists, followed by coffee and a mini recital
24th Said BCP HC	8.30am	Rev P Morrell

Woodnewton Open Gardens & Church Flower Festival

What a weekend we had, but it wouldn't have been the success that it was if we hadn't have had the help from so many people. You are too numerous to list by person, but if you baked a cake or two, donated some plants and books, thank you so very much.

Our grateful thanks go to the gardeners who spent many weeks preparing their gardens for the visitors; such a lot of hard work but well rewarded with wonderful comments. Thank you so very much also to the flower arrangers from Woodnewton, Oundle U3A and Stamford Flower Club; the church looked really beautiful.

We must not forget the numerous people within the village who actually helped and manned stalls and dealt with ticket sales on the day; thank you again for giving up your weekend to help us raise this money

A successful event requires people to spearhead it, and for this the PCC are indebted to Liz Cooper and Rosie Atchison who dealt with the Open Gardens; Ann McLeod who designed and staged the Flower Festival and to Henry and Ann Galloway for dealing with the concert ticket sales. A very big thank you to you all. We received a considerable amount of donations from local residents which allowed us to stage the flower festival, and for these we are truly grateful.

At the time of writing this 'thank you' note, the accounts have not yet been finalised, but it looks as if £1,540 was raised on the ticket sales to the event. Obviously, there are more monies to be included, so the final accounts will be published shortly and the figures will be reported in the next newsletter.

Communicare

Our quarterly general meeting was held on Wednesday 8th June when we welcomed as guest speaker Amanda Claxton, the Information and Advisory Manager for Age UK Peterborough. As well as attending this meeting and giving out a great deal of information about the services the charity offers in our area, Amanda also comes along to Wansford surgery on the third Monday of each month between 9 am and 12 noon. She is available in the reception area to give information and advice to patients who might have a specific problem or who are interested in the various voluntary activities that Age UK provide. A selection of leaflets are always displayed in the Wansford reception area.

Items of interest from the business meeting of officials held prior to the general meeting were announced and discussed – these were as follows:

A new Communicare noticeboard is being created at the Kings Cliffe surgery which will display items shown at Wansford.

After receipts and expenditure funds are now in excess of two and a half thousand pounds – there were no requests from the practice for contributions towards any new equipment.

The quarterly practice newsletter is now being made available in the Wansford newsagent's shop – copies will also be placed in the Nassington and Kings Cliffe shops and publication via email to patients has also been agreed.

The practice has appointed a new doctor – Fenella Powell – who will be joining the team this month. She qualified in 1997 from UCL originally training as a surgeon but then moved to general practice and now specializes in family planning and women's health.

Following complaints about the lack of seating for patients awaiting dispensing of their prescriptions in the Pharmacy the door between that area and the adjoining corridor, where there are several chairs, will be left open.

In conjunction with our current campaign to encourage more voluntary drivers for our transport scheme, we are now also looking for people who might be prepared to man a telephone line for a few hours at home, maybe one day a week or fortnight, to provide co-ordination for this service – call costs would be reimbursed. This is currently carried out by surgery reception staff taking up valuable time. If you feel that you could offer some help on a regular basis, please contact reception.

The next social group coffee morning is on Friday 15th July at 10am in the Kings Cliffe Sports Active hall. Our next day trip is a visit to Wells on Sea, North Norfolk on Wednesday 13th July, with a 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

Woodnewton Neighbourhood Watch

Please see pages 8-10 for our special feature on home security, compiled by Nadia Norman our local PCSO following a visit to the village in June.

Volunteers sought for Custody Visiting

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner is looking for volunteers to join the county's Independent Custody Visiting scheme.

Independent Custody Visitors are volunteers who visit people in custody to check on their welfare, that they are receiving their rights and entitlements and that the conditions they are being held in are satisfactory.

Brian Warmington has been volunteering as an Independent Custody Visitor for 8 years. He said: "I visit detainees in Corby Police Station to ensure all rights are upheld. I had never heard of custody visiting until I read an article in a local paper. I thought this is something I could do as a 'pay back' to society.

"It is important that communities have confidence in their local police service and we help provide this community oversight."

The volunteers visit in pairs and follow a rota which means they carry out a minimum of one visit every two months.

Volunteers visit the Custody suite in Corby Police Station or the Criminal Justice Centre in Brackmills, Northampton.

Detainees are asked a number of questions relating to their welfare and are asked for consent to view their custody records to check everything is being processed and recorded properly. Report forms are completed and sent back to the Office of the Police and Crime Commission, who liaise with the Force about any issues.

A training programme is provided for all volunteers and regular meetings are held to have the opportunity to talk about any concerns.

Alexa Daly, from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner said:

"Independent Custody Visitors play a vital role in maintaining standards of custody and the treatment of detainees.

"We're looking for people to join the scheme who live or work in Northamptonshire and are aged 18 or over. It's essential that anyone interested is able to be impartial, objective and non-judgemental, as well as being able to communicate effectively with people from different backgrounds."

People interested can apply online by clicking [here](http://www.northantspcc.org.uk) or visiting www.northantspcc.org.uk

The deadline for applications is Friday 1st July.

Royal Air Force Wittering: Summer Flying Hours

On Monday 6th June the summer flying timetable will begin at RAF Wittering. From Monday to Thursday flying will continue until 1800 in order to take advantage of the longer daylight hours. On Fridays flying will stop at 1715 as normal.

Most of the extra flying will be used to train instructors and students and will take place within the RAF Wittering circuit which, in general, is the airspace immediately in and around the airfield. We don't anticipate an extension to flying outside the Station's controlled airspace.

The summer flying timetable will end on Thursday 8th September, if you have any questions, please contact RAF Wittering through the Facebook page or email WIT-MCO@MoD.UK

Ed Palmer

Media & Communications Officer

Mobile Library

Following the recent review the new timetable for visits of the mobile library to this area are scheduled as follows:

Dates of Visits – June 2016 – May 2017

15 June	19 October	15 February
20 July	16 November	15 March
17 August	21 December	19 April
21 September	18 January	17 May

VILLAGE/TOWN	STOP ADDRESS	ARRIVE	
Woodford	Mill Road	10.40	11.00
Woodnewton	Orchard Crescent	11.45	12.10
Yarwell	Post Office	12.30	12.55
Nassington	Village Hall	13.10	13.40
Oundle	Riverside Maltings, Station Road	14.15	14.40
Clopton	Berry Green Park	15.50	16.15
Titchmarsh	Village Hall, High Street	16.35	17.00

Further information on the Mobile Library Service can be found on the website.

www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/leisure/libraries

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Syrian Refugee Appeal - Rounders

Matt Humphreys writes of the rounders tournament held at the village hall on June 12th: It was a very successful day with around 300 people attending and raising around £3,100 for the Save the Children Syria appeal. We had 8 teams taking part from Apethorpe, Ketton, Warmington, Oundle, Yarwell, Nassington, Woodnewton and a team of 'Outsiders'. Woodnewton did a great job and made the final but lost narrowly to Ketton. The event was supported by lots of local businesses including the White Swan and Mr Mould the Butcher among others.



What's On

Oundle International Festival

An outstanding programme of entertainment is set for the Oundle International Festival, **8-16 July**, which includes Gabrieli Consort, The Beat and Tin Pigeons at Oundle's Party at the Wharf, folk group Jamie Smith's MABON, outdoor theatre company Illyria, jazz from local rising stars the Roberts/Exall quintet and Grease at Oundle's first outdoor cinema screening. There are also lunchtime recitals from talented young musicians (including past PWS student Amy Green) and a chance to sing with an professional vocal ensemble. The Oundle Food Festival completes the line up.

www.oundlefestival.org.uk

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Woodnewton fluffy savory pancakes



Ingredients

Pancake mixture:

220g wholemeal flour
220g plain flour
2 teaspoons of bicarbonate of soda
700ml milk
1 handful of chopped fresh coriander and fenugreek* (optional)
3 eggs

Filling:

Olive oil
1 onion
1 red pepper
75g broccoli/spinach
1 can of tomatoes
Oregano and sage
300g carrots
1 can of mixed beans/ brown lentils

200g feta cheese

*You can grow fenugreek by planting the seeds you buy in a supermarket.

Method:

Make the pancake mixture:

- 1) Measure the flour and bicarbonate of soda into a large bowl.
- 2) Make a nest for the eggs and beat them into the flour carefully.
- 3) Stir in the milk a bit at a time until all combined.
- 4) Beat in the coriander and fenugreek.

Make the filling:

- 5) Heat up a generous amount of olive oil in a saucepan.
- 6) Chop and add the onion, let it fry for a few minutes.
- 7) Chop the carrots, add to the saucepan and sweat for 5 minutes.
- 8) Chop the broccoli/spinach and stir in.
- 9) Chop the red pepper, stir it in and let the whole mixture cook for 10 minutes.
- 10) Stir in the herbs.
- 11) Add the can of tomatoes followed by the can of mixed beans/ lentils and heat through.
- 12) Heat olive oil in a frying pan until very hot. Pour in a generous amount of mixture and flip when one side is done. Put the pancake on a plate and dollop a spoonful of filling in the middle. Then sprinkle with feta cheese and fold in half.

SPECIAL FEATURE – HOME SECURITY



News from your local police Safer Community Team

Village Security Walkabout

On Sunday 5th June, PCSO Nadia Norman was joined by residents, village NHW and members of the Parish Council to walk around Woodnewton. This walkabout was the first stage in a larger planned village security project, which previously has only been used in larger estates in Northampton. Woodnewton is quite often used as a “through route” by criminals and those looking to target rural villages with easy exit routes. This includes burglary of properties, sheds and outbuildings and theft from vehicles.

By looking at village security as a whole, and working as a community, there are potential improvements that can be maintained by the residents themselves to reduce the risk of crime.

Recommendations:

All in all, the village itself appears safe and well maintained. The two main areas that could be improved are **oil tank security** – siting and protection of easily accessible oil tanks - and **perimeter security** - open gates / easy access – closed gates are one more obstacle for criminals and make it difficult to access properties from the road.

MORE INFO ON OIL TANK SECURITY TO FOLLOW!

Doorstep Sellers

On the 9th June police were called after a number of reports were received, A male was stopped and was removed from the village. These “Nottingham Knockers” often work in groups across a number of villages at once. They often do not have appropriate ID or peddlers licenses.

If a crime is in progress, dial 999

Together we can look out and lock offenders up and prevent doorstep crime from happening to someone you know.

What can you do to protect the person you care for?

- Make the person aware that they are never required to open their door to unexpected callers and that it is not rude to send someone away.
- Reinforce the message “IF YOU’RE NOT SURE DON’T OPEN THE DOOR”
- Explain the tactics used by rogue doorstep traders and distraction burglars.
- Encourage the person to set up passwords with their utility companies.
- Try to ensure that the outside of the property is well maintained, including the garden. Properties that are poorly maintained may be targeted.
- Advise the person not to keep money in the house and to keep credit cards, debit cards, cheque books, savings books and any other valuables in a safe place.
- Display a ‘No Cold Calling Home’ sticker to discourage unwanted callers.
- If you know the person requires some work to be carried out, try to assist them to select a reputable trader by directing them to organisations such as their local Home Improvement Agency, Care and Repair or the Trading Standards ‘Buy With Confidence’ scheme (from January 2010).

Reinforce this advice on a regular basis and always ask if anything unusual has happened or whether anyone has called at the property uninvited.

**look out and lock them up 0345 23 07 702
www.northants.police.uk/lookout**

We have 50 door stickers with this message on to give away. Please contact myself or the village NHW contact Stuart Shaw – PCSO Nadia Norman

Oil Tank Security

Here are some top tips for maintaining the security of heating and oil tanks.

Siting the Oil Tank –If the tank is close to a road, path, drive or alleyway then it will be a far easier target, especially if away from the house.

Control Switches - Switches that control the flow of oil should be turned off and the electricity supply isolated when the tank is not in use.

Padlocks - Close shackle padlocks offer most resistance to the most popular of burglar tools; the bolt cropper!

Lights / CCTV- Lights can have a very positive effect and make any property a much harder target for the thief. Low energy 'dusk till dawn' lights positioned close to the tank should, in most cases, provide sufficient light to illuminate any suspicious activity.
The use of CCTV as crime prevention and a crime detection tool has grown massively in recent years.

Defensive Planting - Defensive planting is nature's way of helping to reduce crime. Thieves will not wish to force their way through or over a prickly hedge. These shrubs can provide an effective and decorative thief proof barrier.

Oil Level Gauges - Remote electronic oil level gauges are available which set off an alarm if the oil level in the tank suddenly drops. There are two or three different versions on the market at the moment and cost between £70 and £100.

Securing Your Oil Tank –A wooden or metal fence or trellis can give significant protection, but it must be remembered that the oil tanker driver will need access to fill the tank! A metal or grill cage with a lockable access point across the top of this wall or fence can further improve security. The wall or fence should be as close to the tank and as high as possible. A product called 'Tank Guard' surrounds the existing storage tank with a metal enclosure. This sheet metal enclosure has lockable access doors to allow filling and maintenance and has internal anchorage points to fix it to the concrete base. A tank guard costs less than one tank full of oil and will last many years.



OFTEC offers advice and guidance for those who use and store oil at their premises. There are certain rules and regulations that may apply to you and OFTEC will help clarify these for you.

They can be reached at www.oftec.org or by calling 0845 6585 080. They also produce an 'easy guide to domestic oil storage'

How to contact your local team

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Home security checklist

Most burglars are 'opportunists' and break into homes that are easy targets. Good security and basic precautions reduces the chance of your home being burgled.

Below is a checklist of the most common entry points used by criminals. By reviewing the security in and around your home it will help you identify areas where additional burglary prevention may be required.

Perimeter security

Are boundary fences/walls/hedges in good condition?	Y/N	Check for weak points or easy entry points.
Are the front boundaries no more than 1m and the rear 1.8m high?		Low front boundaries give good visibility from surrounding houses, whilst high fences at the back prevent good security.
Do you have locked side gates at all access points?		Secure side entrances with strong multiple spikes to minimise cases of entry.
Are trees and shrubs well trimmed?		This helps to prevent burglars being able to hide and be unobserved.

External lighting

Is there outside security lighting including covering the front of the property?	Y/N	Good lighting is essential for deterring burglars. Use low level dusk to dawn lighting which comes on during darkness.
Is the side and rear external lighting motion activated?		Motion activated lighting should be positioned out of arms reach so it can't easily be tampered with.

External doors

Do all external doors, including front and back, have robust deadlocks?	Y/N	British Standard 3621 or POC u 3 multi-point locks or similar should be fitted.
Are the door frames in good condition and strong enough to resist forced entry?		Frames should be securely fixed and doors should be certified to British Standard PAS 24/UP311755N2/KCCL.
Is a security chain or door spy hole fitted?		Always use a chain and check the identity of unknown visitors.
Are patio doors fitted with robust locks?		Ensure an anti-lift device with 5 locking points is fitted.

Garages, sheds and outbuildings

Are strong locks fitted to all entrances?	Y/N	Use substantial padlocks to secure locked expensive tools and equipment.
Are the door hinges exposed or heavy duty?		Use heavy duty hinges or hinge bolts to make it more difficult to enter.
Are all windows secure and have an obscured view of inside?		Obscuring the view stops burglars from seeing any expensive equipment inside.
Do connecting doors between your garage and home have robust locks?		Any door connected to your home must be locked as any other external door is.
Are your tools and equipment locked away?		Tools can be used to break into your home so secure them with a steel chain through a ground anchor and lock ladders to a wall mounted bracket.

Windows

Are windows and frames in good repair?	Y/N	Frames should be securely fixed and new windows should conform to British Standard 7950.
Are locks fitted to all accessible windows?		Locks can be fitted to all window types to ensure they are fitted correctly.
If windows open more than 9" are window restrictors fitted?		This is particularly important for ground floor windows.

Internal security

Do you have a burglar alarm installed?	Y/N	Any installing alarm should meet BS54737 (professionals) or BS6707 (DIY).
Do you have contents insurance?		It should be sufficient for the total contents value, any specific high value items and areas, such as tools in shed.
Is your valuable property marked and registered?		Keep an inventory of all valuable items and purchase them with a UV pen. Also register items on www.immobilier.com

The White Swan

*If the village newsletter has made it to you in time & there's still space, then it's Tex
Mex night on Wednesday 6th July -
with fajitas, chimichangas, nachos and much more
2 course £17.50, 3 courses £21*

*Otherwise your still in good time to get in for this months Woodite Nite, we
don't run one in August, so this is your last chance for about 9 weeks - usual deal
2 courses for £12.50*

Nothing in the fridge?

*Don't forget we can do much of our menu to take away, just call your order in and
we will tell you how long to leave it before popping round to collect it, or just book a
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Woodnewton Neighbourhood Watch woodnewtonnw@googlemail.com

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Doctors Surgeries

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Veterinary Surgeries

Oundle	01832 273521	Yarwell	01780 783910
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Woodnewton Mobile Library 11:45 - 12:10 Orchard Crescent every third Wednesday of the month.

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