

SEPTEMBER 2016

Woodnewton's Got Talent.

July 2016

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News and Reports

The Parish Council met on 4th July

Public Time

A number of residents attended to raise issues that concern them, including dumped waste and fly tipping.

Matters arising from previous meeting

Spire Homes were contacted about the state of the grass at Orchard Crescent. The finger post on the triangle and the pedestrian barrier on Main Street have been repaired.

Planning

Applications (16/01158/FUL) (16/01063/FUL) were returned without objection. New Councillor

Paul Blackmore was co-opted onto the Council. Paul will take on responsibility for Highways and the Playground

Allotments

The Council agreed to a request to site bee hives on the allotment subject to the normal lease terms.

Streetlights

Council agreed to the maintenance contract from Eon at a cost of £620 per year.

Dog Fouling

A constant issue in the village is the amount of dog fouling on footpaths. If you have a dog, then it is your responsibility to clear up the mess. It is a health hazard and very anti-social.

Gigaclear

The planned snagging meeting took place with Gigaclear and representatives of the contractors. On a tour round the village a number of issues were raised included the state of verges and pavements. Remedial action has also been undertaken in line with Northamptonshire Highways. Work in Lindsey Close and Pridmore Close remains unfinished. Top soil and grass seed will be added to verges. Gigaclear made clear that they had no intention to gravel the pavements and that they have no statutory responsibility to do so as they had been made up to the standard set by Highways. After a long discussion Gigaclear agreed to consider a small section in the conservation zone being upgraded.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 5th September. ALL WELCOME

Andrew Hansford - Parish Council Chairman

Woodnewton Neighbourhood Watch

TAKE A STAND AGAINST SCAMS

CONSUMERS LOSE £5-10 BILLION TO SCAMS EACH YEAR!

DON'T ADD TO THIS STAGGERING FIGURE. TAKE A STAND!

TOP 10 TIPS TO TAKE A STAND AGAINST SCAMS

- 1 Say NO. To unwanted, uninvited callers.
- 2 Be wise to rogue traders. Too good to be true offers, probably are.
- 3 Don't feel pressured to make a decision. Say "No", or say you need advice first.
- 4 Be wise to postal scams. No legal company will ask for money to claim a prize.
- 5 Keep personal details safe. They could be used fraudulently in the wrong hands.
- 6 Research the credentials of the company. Be certain they're not bogus.
- 7 Be online savvy. Check who you're communicating with online.
- 8 Talk to someone you trust. If you're suspicious.
- 9 Report a scam. Help expose the criminals.
- 10 Know you are not alone. Anyone can be a victim, report it and get the right support.

 For advice on scams call

 Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline:

 Ox545 40 40 50 50

 To report scams contact

 Action Fraud: 0300 123 2040

Communicare

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS

Wansford and Kings Cliffe Surgeries are in the final stages of agreeing a merger with Lakeside Healthcare, a 62 partner practice which is currently the largest in the NHS. The giant practice was formed last year when 3 surgeries in Stamford (St Mary's Medical Centre, Sheepmarket Surgery and Little Surgery) and the Oundle Medical Practice merged with the pre-existing Lakeside Healthcare which already operated surgeries in Corby, Kettering and Brigstock. Together these surgeries care for over 100,000 patients across Northamptonshire, Cambridgeshire, Rutland and Lincolnshire. It is expected more surgeries will continue to join in response to the way the NHS is expected to operate in the future.

Why is this merger necessary? The NHS continues to change and evolve. We want to continue to offer the best possible range of services to our patients, but in the modern NHS we will become too small to do that on our own. All over the country small surgeries are merging to create significantly larger groups with the resources to bid for new services for patients, to be provided locally rather than in hospitals. We have to change otherwise our patients will suffer the consequences of us not keeping up.

In what way will patients benefit after the merger? There are many different ways, all because we will be part of a much larger, stronger and more diverse organisation. We will be able to attract, recruit and retain the very best doctors and healthcare professionals to our area because we will be able to offer them a varied and exciting career. And as I said we expect to be able to bid for services currently offered in hospitals, for example outpatient services such as dermatology, ophthalmology, musculoskeletal treatments, geriatric medicine and mother and baby services. It is also possible we may be able to provide an ambulatory care service, community care and even have our own consultants in some areas. Of course it's difficult right now to say specifically what we will be able to offer, but our aim is certainly to increase our range and scope of services, dependant on how the NHS develops. This will mean working far more closely with the hospitals in the area as we try to integrate services. Lakeside Healthcare supports all the specialist hospitals in our area including the University Hospitals of Leicester, Peterborough and Stamford Hospital as well as Kettering and Northampton Hospitals. And training will continue to be important to us, in conjunction with the University of Leicester Medical School and de Montfort University.

So will we all have to travel to surgeries across the region to see a GP? No, not at all. Patients registered with us will continue to see their GP at either the Wansford or Kings Cliffe surgeries. It's just that over time, I hope patients will be able to see a much richer variety of services being offered in our surgeries. And we will still be able to refer patients to specialist services in the same hospitals we use now. I can't see any downsides associated with the merger for our patients, really. It's all good news as far as I can see, otherwise we wouldn't do it.

Has this got something to do with the Government demanding a 7 day a week NHS? Well, that's in the mix too. There is a proposed requirement for surgeries to offer 8am to 8pm, 7 days a week opening hours. We would struggle with that at the moment but as part of a much larger group with many more doctors available, it becomes possible. *As a patient, do I need to worry about anything?* You really don't. We are positioning ourselves to provide (in the jargon) more joined up, proactive and personalised care for our patients. That's the way the NHS is going. It's not going to happen instantly, but over time you will see an improvement in services. Dr Takhar and I have always wanted to provide high quality family medicine with a personal touch, and we will continue to do that after the merger.

When will the merger happen? We are quite advanced in the process now, but these things are not straightforward and we don't expect everything to be completely finalised until early next year. But we wanted to let our patients know as soon as possible.

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St Mary's Church

From your new vicar

Now that I will soon be joining you in the Watersmete parishes, I thought that this would be a good opportunity for me to introduce myself to you.

I was born and brought up near Rugby in Warwickshire and after leaving school I trained as a teacher. For the last 23 years of my teaching career I was teaching in Bristol, where I was ordained in 2004. After ordination I worked as a non-stipendiary (self-supporting) priest in two large villages just north of the city and continued my work as a teacher. I thoroughly enjoyed my teaching, particularly my main focus of foreign languages, but I knew that eventually God would call me to full-time parish work and in 2009 I moved to South Wiltshire as Team Vicar in a group of 14 rural parishes. I have always felt called to be involved in rural ministry with all its joys and challenges, and in coming to join you now I feel I am coming home in a way, as I will now be only an hour from where I was brought up. I am looking forward to exploring the countryside, and probably getting a bit lost finding my way around the parishes!

My leisure activities (when I have time!) include singing and walking and I am looking forward to exploring the opportunities for good walking around here. As you will be able to tell from what I said about my teaching I also enjoy foreign languages and try to

follow what I used to tell my pupils about not assuming that everyone speaks English when abroad! I like to have a try at learning at least some basic communication skills wherever I am travelling. I particularly love France and Italy for holidays.

One of my interests in the church, apart from general parish activities, which are such a joy, is developing prayer life and spirituality, and encouraging people to have confidence in their faith. I have been fortunate to have wonderful support from a convent in South Wales where I am an Oblate (that is someone closely associated with the Community living in the outside world) and where my spiritual roots are deeply planted. I also recognise the importance of children's work and outreach, building on my previous career in education, and simply to be with people for whom faith has been and continues to be a key part in their lives, and to show, by what we say and do, that God cares about his world and his people. Who knows where God will lead us together?

I am very much looking forward to joining you at the end of September and to getting to know you all, and to discovering God's purposes for us in the Watersmete Benefice. You are very much in my prayers and I would very much appreciate your prayers as I prepare to move.

With every blessing, Jane (Rev Jane Tailby)

St Mary's church had the pleasure of hosting a visit by three young prize winning organists from Sydney, Australia.: Sam Giddy, Steve Aveling-Rowe, Nico Tjoelker. They were in Woodnewton at the invitation of John Miley . They took it in turn to play for the Holy Communion Service on Sunday, 17th July, and afterwards, during coffee, they entertained the congregation with a mini recital of popular pieces of organ music. The next day they were playing at a concert at Oakham and later in the week at Cambridge.

See our photo on the next page.

Services

4 Sept	9.30am	Sung Holy Communion	Rev R Bond	
11 Sept	9.30am	CW Morning Prayer	Dr A Bond	
18 th Sept	9.30am	Sung Holy Communion	Rev Peter Konig	
25 th Sept	11.00am	Sung HC & Baptism	Rev Jane Tailby's	
		- her first Se	er first Service in the Benefice	

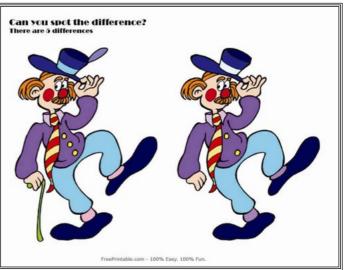


Sam Giddy, Steve Aveling-Rowe & Nico Tjoelker



Gary's Walk - fish and chip supper at The Shuckburgh Arms, July 2016 See page 8

JUST FOR FUN!



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Woodnewton's Got Talent

Well it is now 2 months since the talent show and what a night! Who could believe there is such a wide range of hidden talent amongst us all. The acts entertained a full house and our panel of judges. The acts were so good they only received positive comments from the panel.

During the interval the audience voted and tensions mounted as our compere Paul announced the winners. The winner of the children's category was Monty who played 'Food Glorious Food' on the French Horn and the overall winner was Ben who sang 'Blue Moon'.

I would just like to thank everyone who took part in the show, those who helped to put the show on and the audience who helped us raise money for Sue Ryder.

What's On

FOR DETAILS OF THE FILM PLANNED FOR THE VILLAGE HALL IN SEPTEMBER SEE THE BACK COVER

COMMUNICARE (Wansford & Kings Cliffe Surgery Patient Group)

> 36th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Wednesday 14th September 2016 6.30pm at Wansford Surgery

AGM agenda : 2015 Minutes / Matters Arising, Officers' Reports, Transport, AOB, Meeting Dates for 2016/7

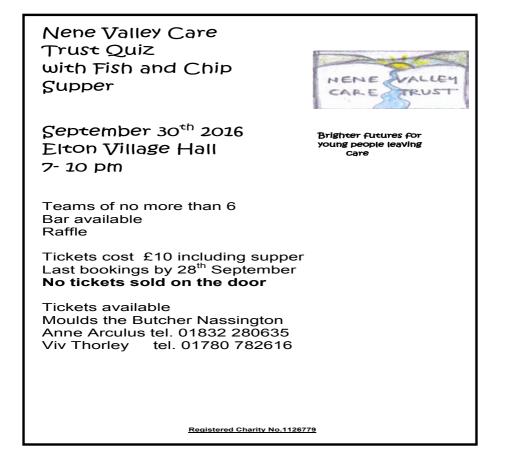
All patients are invited to attend This is your opportunity to find out more about the practice, the patient group and what is happening with local healthcare services. Members of the surgery staff will be there to provide information and answer questions.

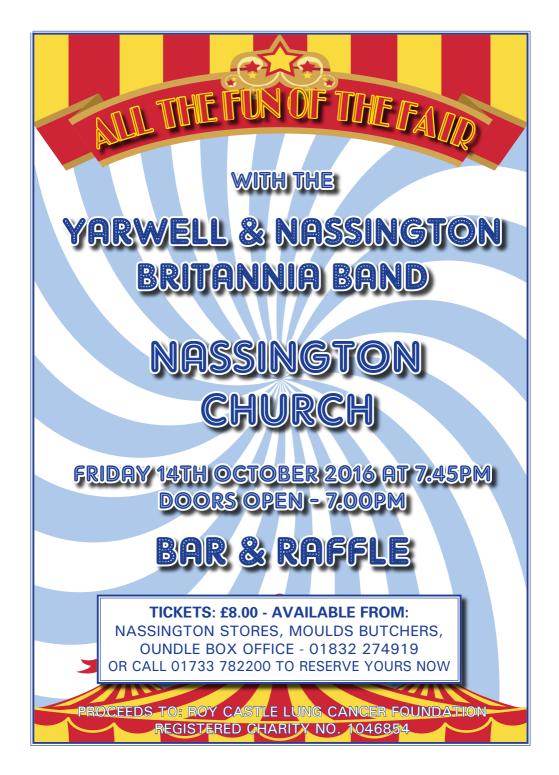
Gary's Walk

On the 27th July we enjoyed a pleasant evening's walk through the jungle! to the Shuckburgh Arms Southwick where 35 villagers enjoyed a Fish and Chip supper and a chat before returning back through the forest avoiding the overgrown and muddy footpaths.

My next walk also has a foodie theme, the walk will be on the **Sunday 4th September** to Fotheringhay for Afternoon Tea at the village hall. If you would like to come along please meet at our village hall at 2.30 pm. I hope you can make it.

Gary





COLUMNISTS

On the Plot

After a wet and rather cold start to the season we now have to endure hard, dry ground and it is very clear that crops are suffering. I am a reluctant waterer, but I've been forced into doing this job rather more regularly than I might wish. The reasoning is simple. I can leave things to fight and then probably get miserable returns or I can do some watering and improve my chances. It seems to me that after putting in a lot of effort to get things growing, it would be short sighted to watch them all wilt.

Looking at my tomato crop, I find it hard to believe that only a few weeks ago the damp and warmth led to what looked like a total crop failure as the dreaded blight struck. Leaves browned, followed by the appearance of dark areas on some of the stems. Blight - without doubt! Although, in theory, I should have dug all the plants up and burned them, I was reluctant. Having spent time and effort raising them and seeing a lot of fruits forming I was determined it try to save what I could. I removed all of the suspect foliage, which, in the end turned out to be a good part of the total. I fed the plants copiously and hoped. To my great surprise they seemed to survive and we are now harvesting a respectable crop. I'm not sure what the moral of that story is. I could claim to have special powers, but I resist digging a deep pit and then jumping into it!

But that is exactly what I did with my sweetcorn. Those claiming experience reminded me more than a few times that I was merely growing 'badger food'. As I prepared to harvest the first cobs the prediction was realised. They came in the night and trashed my crop. I'm not one to give in easily, but that's it. No more sweetcorn - well, perhaps. I'd hate to spoil the pleasure I seem to give to some members of the gardening community! I suppose that age brings with the ability to put things into perspective a little more easily. Instead of feeling upset (well, just a bit, maybe!), I'll get on with jobs to make the next lot of crops even more wonderful.

It's time to tidy up ground that is now clear of crops and sow some green manure. I shall also grow winter varieties of salad leaves and plant out a few spring cabbage plants to overwinter and provide us with greenstuff next spring. I shall also try to turn and empty out a compost bin. I can already hear the laughter coming from certain quarters, but I know that turning compost is a good plan. In so doing, the air incorporated into the material on your heap enables thorough and speedier breakdown and, in the end, far superior compost - but then there are those who know far more about this than I. See, I hate to take all the credit!

I'll just quietly get on and try to

Dodge the Flak

The White Swansong,

Well I find myself staring into a crystal ball for advice on how to word this months pub newsletters?

Perhaps best to say ; most probably I (Ian) have now left the pub with new owners, if you haven't had chance to pop down to confirm this, then do so, soon !

What you should find at the pub is the same great team, now headed by Will and Jason, two guys who moved to Apethorpe earlier in the year and have over 30 years experience between them in the hospitality industry.

They are very excited about owning the pub and whilst not overly rocking the swan, they have great plans for the menu and even (finally) the extension we all know the pub deserves.

Their intention is to stick with the popular Woody Nights and themed evenings, so most importantly <u>- the next Woody Night is Wednesday 14th September</u> and the first ten tables booked get everything for free! (that was a cruel lie / joke, so Peter and Barry step away from the phone).

So as my final note in the village rag - many thanks to all of you that have used and enjoyed the pub since 2010, we have made some great friends along the way and I look forward to skiing with them in the new year.

Cheers,

lan (former landlord The White Swan)

Does anyone know of a reliable kind dog walker that they can recommend please?We have lived in Woodnewton for 17 years and are looking for a dog walker that can help with our 1 year old black Labrador bitch. Please contact Mel Serjeant on 07946 302936.









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