

# WOODNEWTON NEWS

OCTOBER 2016



**“Dad’s Army” at Woodnewton Village Hall in September.  
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**See inside and back cover for news of upcoming events.**

Photos: Grant Neville

# News and Reports

## Parish Council Report – September 2016

The September meeting was cancelled due to a lack of Councillors available. The next meeting will be on October 6th. ALL WELCOME

We are still short of people on the Parish Council which is why, if only one or two are away we don't have enough people to convene a meeting. The Parish Council exists to look after the interests of the village as a whole and it is important that we have a full quota of Councillors. The lack of a Council report this month allows me enough space to appeal again for anyone who wants to join us. The Council meets 11 times a year and spends approximately £12 000 of your money on areas like the playing field, cemetery and street lights for example. If you think you would like to join us, or find out more then please get in touch.

### Parish Clerk

Whilst we are on the subject of council positions, we will soon have a vacancy for a Parish Clerk. The Clerk's role is secretary/financial officer to the Parish council and is a paid position. Hours are approx. 150 p.a. and include monthly evening meetings but can otherwise be worked to suit yourself at home. Full training is provided. This is a great opportunity for someone to be involved at the heart of village life. If you are interested in the role, or want to find out more please get in touch.

### Clean-Up Day

The next Village Clean-Up will take place on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October (10.00am at the Village Hall). There are many and varied tasks to be completed so if you can volunteer for a couple of hours on the day to prune, clip, paint, clean etc. please come along. Refreshments are provided and it is a great opportunity to meet other residents and contribute to keeping your village an attractive place to live.

### Bonfire site

The Bonfire site will be marked out and open to residents at weekends only from 15<sup>th</sup> October.

Andrew Hansford - Parish Council Chairman

# St Mary's Church

## Harvest

The Parochial Church Council has asked me through the newsletter to enquire whether anybody would be able to help with the supply of flowers or berry foliage from their garden for decorating the church for the Harvest Festival Service on October 9th. If you think that you might be able to help, could you let Marilyn know, before 6th October please, on jennervalley@gmail.com, or 470758. Arrangements will then be made for these flowers etc., to be collected.

## Church Services

2nd	Sung Holy Communion	9.30am	Rev Peter Konig
9th	Harvest Festival Evensong	6.00pm	Rev Jane Tailby
16th	Sung Holy Communion	9.30am	Canon Gill Jessop
23rd	Said BCP HC	8.30am	Rev Jane Tailby
30th	Benefice Sung Holy Communion at Apethorpe	10.00am	Rev Jane Tailby

## Woodnewton Neighbourhood Watch

Rogue Traders are fraudsters pretending to be salesmen, builders, gardeners or other tradespeople trying to convince you that you require urgent maintenance to your house or garden. They will cold call and try to pressurise you into a quick decision to allow work to be carried out for a 'special cash price'.

They will be charming and very believable having answers to all your questions, preying on older vulnerable people and deliberately overcharging for unsatisfactory goods and services. It is common for a price of £50 to be mentioned to complete new tarmac on your driveway, only for this price to escalate to £50 per square yard! Ten square yards "£500 cash please, NOW". Unfortunately it will not end there. Once a payment has been made in cash the fraudsters will be back with other ruses or they will trade the persons details on to the next team.

In one such incident in Lincolnshire it was known that five different teams had their claws into an elderly victim, with monies being paid over on a regular basis for alleged roof work and garden maintenance. It culminating in a violent attack with five balaclava wearing offenders demanding to know where he kept his money before leaving with numerous antique items. Rarely will a person who has paid cash to fraudsters be targeted only once. Whilst sometimes referred to as 'cowboy' builders' these criminals will offer no cancellation paperwork or try to get you to commit to having the work completed there and then and waive your legal rights.

## REMEMBER:

- Do Not deal with Cold Callers.
- Do Not allow Cold Callers into your home.
- Do Not pay CASH on the doorstep.
- Do Not employ passing workmen.
- Never go with a cold caller/passing workman to withdraw money from bank or cash machine.
- Call police if uninvited callers will not leave.

If you suspect such an incident has occurred to you, a relative, neighbour, friend or someone you look after please report it to the police immediately via 101.

## Communicare

### **Wansford & Kings Cliffe Surgeries** **Flu Vaccine Clinics 2016**

A vaccine is strongly recommended for those **aged 65 and over** and **under 65s with any of the conditions listed below or those who act as main carer for an elderly or disabled person:**

Asthma/ COPD - Diabetes - Respiratory/Heart disease - Low infection threshold  
- Splenectomy (spleen removal)  
Chronic Liver Disease - Kidney Disease - Pregnant

#### **Drop-in Clinics will be held as follows:**

**Wansford Surgery**

**Saturday 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th October 9am to 11.30am**

**Kings Cliffe Surgery**

**Tuesday 4th and 18th October 9am to 11.30am**

#### **For Appointments Bookable in Advance:**

**Wansford Surgery**

**Tuesday 8th and 22nd November 4pm to 6pm**

**Kings Cliffe Surgery**

**Thursday 17th November 11am to 12noon**

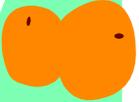
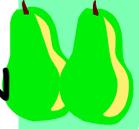
As the injection is into the top of the arm, please wear suitable clothing

**REMEMBER – Prevention is better than flu**

# What's On



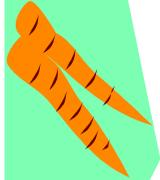
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# HARVEST



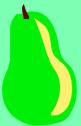
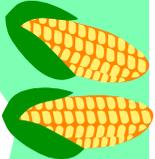
# FESTIVAL



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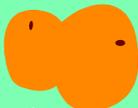
9 OCTOBER 2016

At 6.00 pm



Bring and Share  
Supper.  
Wine & soft drinks  
Served by the PCC

We would be grateful for  
tins, packets, UHT milk,  
etc., for donating to a local  
Food Bank.





# **Quiz & Supper Night**

**Saturday 8 October 2016**

7.00 for 7.30 start  
At Woodnewton Village Hall

Tickets - £10.00 per person  
Includes - 2 course supper  
(Bring your own drink & glasses)

Teams of between 2 & 6 people

Tickets available from  
Gary Bradbury 470593 or garybradbury66@gmail.com

## **Gary's Walk**



*My next walk is a bit further afield than normal and will be from Great Bowden Nr Market Harborough on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October. The walk will follow the canal into Market Harborough through the town and back. If you are interested in joining me please met at Great Bowden Church at 10.00am. Hope to see you there.*

# Columnists

## Film Night at the Village Hall - Dad's Army

Many thanks to everyone who attended, helped and contributed to the Dad's Army Film Night. It was great that so many people entered into the spirit of dressing in period costume.

The White Swan and Joan and Trevor Danks kindly donated the prizes for the best dressed female and male. Joan and Trevor judged the numerous entries and awarded best dressed female to Annie Holland and the male prize went to Tristan McCarthy.

The evening started with the National Anthem and trailers from the 1940's together with a couple of short local films of interested and concluded with the 60 attendees having a singalong.

Gary Bradbury



30<sup>th</sup> BATTALION NORTHAMPTONSHIRE HOME GUARD.  
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SERON. J. GLOVER, L. BARFIELD, J. HULL.  
SERON. SGT. W. ROBERTS, H. PRIDMORE, A. PRIDMORE, REYNOLDS,  
C. COMPTON.  
FRONT. (KNEELING) W. FITZJOHN, J. FITZJOHN.

## Woodnewton's very own Home Guard

Photo and caption provided by Trevor Danks



## Woodnewton autumnal aubergine and feta couscous



### Ingredients

2 medium aubergines  
250g wholemeal  
couscous  
1 red pepper  
250g carrots,  
chopped  
1 can chickpeas  
½ head celery  
4 cloves of garlic  
2 onions  
100g roasted  
unsalted peanuts  
handful raspberries  
250g feta cheese  
olive oil  
fresh coriander

Serves 5

### Method:

1. Preheat oven to 180°C
2. Wash and dry the aubergines and place them whole on a baking tray in the middle of the oven, bake for one hour.
3. In a thick-bottomed pan, pour in some olive oil. When hot, add the chopped onions and garlic and fry until translucent.
4. Add the chopped carrots, pepper and celery. Put on the lid and sweat for 10 minutes (add some water if necessary).
5. Boil a kettle of water. Place the couscous in a pan and add 1½-times the boiling water to volume of couscous and some olive oil. Put on the lid and stand aside for 10 minutes. Use a fork to stir the couscous to make it fluffy and separated.
6. Add the can of chickpeas and the peanuts to the vegetable mixture. Season with salt and pepper.
7. Pour the couscous into the vegetable mixture and stir until well combined.
8. Arrange the couscous mixture in a large serving bowl.
9. Take the aubergine out of the oven and cut in half. Scrape out the inside with a spoon. Mash in some olive oil and salt and pepper.
10. Place the aubergine on top of the couscous mixture.
11. Sprinkle the handful of raspberries on top and crumble over the feta cheese.
12. Finally, add the chopped fresh coriander to finish.

## On the Plot

I imagine that many will have noticed that there has been a table near the allotment gate for some weeks now offering surplus vegetables and fruit to anyone who would like them and asking for a small donation in return. As I mentioned a few weeks ago it has all been organised by David Townsend.

As I write around £50 has been donated to the Air Ambulance and a tidy sum has been collected and will be sent to Cancer Research.

David has asked me to thank all those who have supported this venture - either by taking items on offer and donating money or by supplying the necessary fruit and vegetables. There is little doubt that those involved have been really pleased to be able to give and to donate to such worthy causes.

On the subject of successful ventures, it is with a degree of hesitation that I have to report that one of our number up on the allotments has been adding to his trophy cabinet with abandon in the last few days. Following his visit to Nassington & Yarwell Flower Show over the last bank holiday the prize tally reads as follows:

Brassicas (Cauliflower) 1st; Potatoes 1st; Carrots (long) 1st;

Tomatoes (not cherry) 1st; Mixed basket (borrowed) of vegetables 2nd.

Yes, we are all wondering how he did it - and we have yet to be shown any form of proof. I understand that the certificates do exist and are at present away being framed ready to be placed on the walls of his shed, the door of which is being widened so that he can get in and out without injury! Look out for a series of articles entitled 'Growing Prize Veg' planned for the quiet winter months. That's if I can get the copyright before the BBC do. He reckons he doesn't come cheap, but Brian, we all know better!

Once the celebratory party is over (do let me know if you know where and when it is - also the entry fee), I'll get down to tidying up ready for the winter. It is a good time to plant garlic right now and also to make sure that you have sown some winter salads either in pots or trays in the greenhouse, or protected out on the plot. There are lots of varieties available for late sowing and many are really good.

If you grow brassicas over winter, I strongly recommend that you stake them. Stout bamboo canes will suffice for this job if you have nothing else. This is really beneficial because brassica plants do not enjoy being free to wobble around in the wind. Sprouts for example, will 'blow' if they are not kept secure in good, firm soil. It's a tedious job, but well worthwhile. If you do use bamboo canes, do try to cap each one with those plastic things specially made for the job. Unprotected canes really are quite dangerous as one bends over to pick from plants.

Talking of protection, I'd better prepare. The prizewinning plot is not far from mine!

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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** 11:45 - 12:10 Orchard Crescent every third Wednesday of the month.

## DIARY DATES

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# **WOODNEWTON'S ANNUAL BONFIRE AND FIREWORK DISPLAY**

**SATURDAY 29<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2016**

**GATES OPEN 5.30pm FIREWORKS 7.00pm**

**\* Hot Dogs \* Hot Pork Rolls \* Mulled Wine \* Teas and Coffee \***

**Competition for best Guy and Pumpkin**

DISCOUNTED ADVANCE PURCHASE TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM  
The White Swan, Eunice Williams (470708) or Abbie Smith (470691)

In advance – Adults £4, children £3, family (2+2) £11

On the gate – Adults £5, children £4, family (2+2) £15

PROFESSIONAL DISPLAY BY '1605 FIREWORKS' OF KINGS CLIFFE

PROCEEDS IN AID OF WOODNEWTON VILLAGE HALL – REGISTERED CHARITY No. 1008033

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