

WOODNEWTON NEWS

DECEMBER 2016



Fearsome Fancy Dress on Fireworks Night!!
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News and Reports

The Parish Council met on 7th November

Public Time

Hereward Homes attended to outline plans for the development of 17 Main Street. 2 residents attended to inform the council of the recent sewage problems on St Mary's Hill and also asked that the Churchyard trees be surveyed as they may be causing damage to the wall, road and sewer. 2 residents attended to express disappointment about the removal of the produce stall which they felt was a few weeks to early. To clarify any misunderstandings, the Council continue to support the project and expressed the hope that it will be revived again next year.

Planning

There were no applications to consider.

Village Website

After creating and maintaining the Woodnewton website for 6 years, Matthew Roberts has decided cease in this role from the end of the year. The website is essential to village life. If anyone is interested in taking on the updating of the website please contact a member of the Parish Council. Matthew is willing to help train/support a new volunteer.

Playground Project

4 grant providers have been contacted and up to £10k is available in grants for which the project potentially qualifies. Help to be sought from ENC Grants Dept to successfully complete applications

Overgrown hedges

A reminder for residents to ensure hedges and trees which are overgrowing the footpaths are cut back. Thank you to those residents who have taken action on this matter. In a number of areas in the village there are narrow footpaths and children have to walk in the road which is not safe. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

Telephone Box

BT have proposed removing the telephone box due to lack of use. Council have not lodged an objection.

Parish Clerk

As a result of moving from the village, Fi Thompson ceased in her role as Clerk at the November meeting. Fi has been a fantastic support to the council and her enthusiasm for the role, her can-do attitude and her passion for the village has been infectious. A vote of thanks was given and I know you will want to join me in wishing her well for the future in Somerset.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 5th December @ 8.00pm
Andrew Hansford - Parish Council Chairman

Woodnewton Neighbourhood Watch

It's that time of year when we start buying presents etc for Xmas via the Internet. Here are two national campaigns that have just been launched to advise people about staying safe over the Xmas period (and beyond):-

“Get safe online” is encouraging everyone to start making every day safer by following a few simple steps:

- Review the passwords you use on your online accounts: make sure that they are strong enough and that you're not using the same ones for more than one account. Consider how you're going to remember them all – such as using an online password safe.
 - Check your social media privacy settings. Make sure your information and updates are seen only by those you trust.
 - Update your operating system and software programs/apps on your computer, mobile phones and tablet if you are prompted to do so. It takes only a few minutes and with your mobile devices you can even do it while you are asleep.
 - Back up your information – using the cloud is a great way to save all your documents, photos, music, emails and other irreplaceable files.
 - Check that your internet security software and apps are up to date and switched on.
 - If you have children think about whether you are doing enough to help ensure they are staying safe online.
 - If you have lost money report it to your bank/credit card company mediately. You can also report it to Action Fraud (the UK's national fraud reporting centre) by calling 0300 123 20 40 or by visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk .
 - If you are a victim of online abuse or harassment you should report it to the police.
- (Source www.getssafeonline.org)

“The Take Five campaign” is asking consumers to help protect themselves from financial fraud by remembering some simple advice:

- Never disclose security details, such as your PIN or full password - it's never right to reveal these details
 - Don't assume an email request or caller is genuine - people aren't always who they say they are.
 - Don't be rushed – a bank or genuine organisation won't mind waiting to give you time to stop and think
 - Listen to your instincts – if something feels wrong then it is usually right to pause and question it.
 - Stay in control – have the confidence to refuse unusual requests for information
- (Source FFA UK and UK banks new national campaign)

**** Have a Very Merry Xmas and a Safe New Year from your Woodnewton Neighbourhood Watch ****

St Mary's Church

December Services

4th Sung Holy Communion & Baptism 9.30am

18th Sung Holy Communion 9.30am (coffee served after service)



CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST MARY'S

CHRISTINGLE

Sunday, 11 Dec 11.00am

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Thursday, 22 Dec 7.00pm

CHRISTMAS EVE CRIB SERVICE

Saturday, 24 Dec 4.00pm

MIDNIGHT MASS

Saturday, 24 Dec 11.30pm

CHRISTMAS DAY CAROLS

Sunday, 25 Dec 9.30am

'Leaving Woodnewton'

Fi and David Thompson want to wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

We are leaving this very special village and all our friends and neighbours with heavy hearts after 22 years here.

We are moving to Frome in Somerset to be of help to our son, our daughter in law and new baby as our son works abroad a lot.

We have loved living here and have sold our house to our good friends Colin and Wendy Crawford who will move here with their little, brown dog.

Thank you for your friendship over the years and hope to see you again when we pop back to visit. It would be a pleasure to see you in Somerset: my phone number has not changed.

Bye bye from us both.

Fi and David

Wansford & Kings Cliffe Surgery

Christmas/New Year Opening Hours

Both surgeries will be **CLOSED** on

**24th - 27th December
and 31st December - 2nd January**

The Pharmacy at Wansford will be **OPEN** on
Saturday 24th & 31st December 9am-1pm
(closed 25th,26th,27th December & 1st,2nd January)

As the surgery will be closed for four days over Xmas it is expected that the three day period between then and New Year will be very busy - Patients should re-order their repeat medications as early as possible to avoid adding to the doctors' workload during that time

During the Xmas/New Year closure periods the NHS '111' service which operates 24/7 and 365 days a year is available for all non-emergency situations. Staffed by fully trained advisors and backed by experienced nurses and paramedics, they can give healthcare advice or direct you to the best local service

NB: Wansford surgery will be closed on Thursday 15th December between 1pm and 4pm for staff training. The answerphone service will give an alternative number to contact if a matter requires immediate attention during the three hour period

BONFIRE NIGHT 2016

Thank you all for your support on October 29th when we held our annual Bonfire Night and Firework Display. The weather was kind and fireworks company 1605 put on another outstanding show. Local people showed their usual enthusiasm for the bonfire and created a massive heap which lit and burned spectacularly well. We again held fancy dress and pumpkin carving competitions which attracted many entries. Thanks to Fi Thompson for judging. We are always well supported by a dedicated group of volunteers who make this night such a success. Many do the same job year after year so it now a well-oiled machine! The village hall committee is very grateful to you all for your loyalty. The food and mulled wine sold well and we made a contribution of over £900 towards running costs at the village hall.

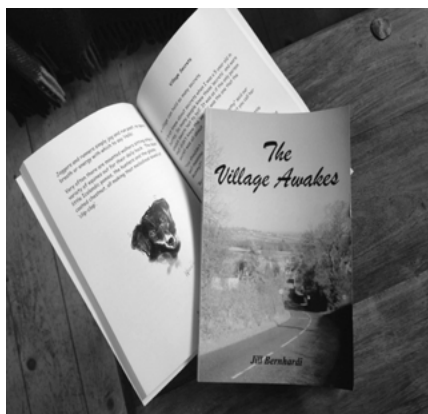
Let's do it all again next year!

Editor's note: It was so nice to get the photos sent in. Thank you to everyone who submitted something. Here is a selection courtesy of Matt Humphreys, Grant Neville and David Thompson.





The Village Awakes is the fourth charity book written by **Jill Bernhardt**.



It records village customs and the village way of life, - a way of life which could be in danger of disappearing. It also has concise biographies of remarkable people associated with villages, - like Pearl who, as a child, escaped from the Channel Islands just before the German invasion in WWII and Bob who, aged just 17, volunteered to join the RAF during the conflict, - it also has a chapter about Nicolai Poliakiff – Coco the clown – whom the author met in 1945. Nicolai was buried in the graveyard at Woodnewton, Northamptonshire and there is a plaque to his memory on the village hall. The village hall was built with the

help of some money raised by Clowns International.

If you would like a copy of this little book, please send a cheque for £10 (which includes p&p) to:

Jill Bernhardt Dept WNT 4 Croft Gardens Old Dalby Leicestershire LE14 3LE.

All proceeds from these particular sales will be donated toward the upkeep of the village hall at Woodnewton.

Contact for further details re the book jbernhardi@hotmail.com

Contact for Woodnewton and Coco the Clown marilyn jenner jennerruss@gmail.com

COLUMNISTS

Woodnewton History Group

Trades carried out in Woodnewton from 1820-1947 taken from the Baptismal Register and Trade Directories

Labourer	219	Miller/Assistants	11
Farmer	39	Blacksmith	7
Farm Labourer	2	Wheelwright	7
Farm Worker	2	Saddler/Harness maker	3
Shepherd	2	Horse dealer	2
Smallholder	2	Agricultural Mechanic	1
Cow man	1	Coachbuilder	1
Farm-Bailiff	1	Engine Man	1
General Farm Worker	1	Gamekeeper/Verderer	5
Grazier	1		
	270		38
Gardener	25	Stonemason/Mason	12
Market Gardener	9	Carpenter	9
Jobbing Gardener	1	Shoe and bootmaker/Cordwainer	13
	35	Shopkeeper/Grocer	9
		Butcher	7
		Carrier	5
		Sawyer	5
Victualler	15	Tailor	5
Publican	8	Baker	4
Beerseller	3	Dressmaker/Staymaker	2
Inn-keeper	2		
	28		71

This is obviously not a complete list, because of the limited sources. However, it does show how dominant occupations connected with agriculture and horticulture were during the period. The full list is on the History Group Website, and totals 489 declared occupations, so about 25% were in other services. It is only towards the end of the nineteenth century that we see the odd mechanic, engine-man and platelayer, otherwise people were intimately connected to the land.

On The Plot

Is it just me, or does each successive year seem to shoot by just that bit quicker than the previous one? Looking back, it has been quite a time on the plot and in the garden. Much has happened, quite a lot of it really good, but as usual there have been a few problems.

I don't think that I am the only one to have suffered from a fair degree of pestilence! Yes, that on two legs has proved challenging, as always, but pigeons swooping in have worried me rather less than they have previously, thanks to all the preventative measures I have taken and reported on before. My loudest grump is over slugs, badgers and rabbits. I know for a fact that slugs are on everyone's hit-list this year and we all employ various methods to deter them - most with rather less success than we would like. More on this at a future date, assuming I remember!

Rabbits have nibbled here and there and I'm not happy, but badgers - my thoughts are not for printing! Along with others, my plot has had areas trashed regularly and my plot has been chosen as their latrine of choice. Some plot-holders would consider this appropriate, I suspect! They get awards for veg. All I get is the badgers' star rating as a Brock Bog Attendant! As for those who have had their lawns ruined, I have the very greatest sympathy. Grumps have turned into the loudest of complaints, but all to no avail for control is illegal.

Another concern is the declining population of hedgehogs. If they were as numerous as once they were I suggest that we might have less slug damage than we have now. Clearly the decline is not due to a lack of this food source, but badgers are known to attack and to kill the odd hedgehog from time to time. I do wonder whether the steep rise in badger numbers at least partially explains this decline.

Whatever, it's the season of goodwill, so I will smile (even if through gritted teeth) and suggest that we all do all we can to support those few hedgehogs that still remain. Try not to be too tidy as they need all the cover they can find, leave the odd gap in fences so that they can range over a larger area and do try to resist whenever you can the use of chemicals known to damage wildlife.

As for next season, well everything will be so much better, won't it?!

In the meantime, Christmas approaches and thoughts turn to things other than plotting, maybe. However, before you finally reorganise your list of priorities, I have one helpful suggestion. Download on to your phone the RHS 'Grow Your Own' app. It looks pretty promising to me, and for those of us who struggle to grow decent carrots year in, year out there are helpful tips.....

Mrs Dodge and I wish you a very Happy Christmas and a happy and healthy new year.

Dodge the Flak

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Speculaas (Belgian spiced Christmas biscuit)



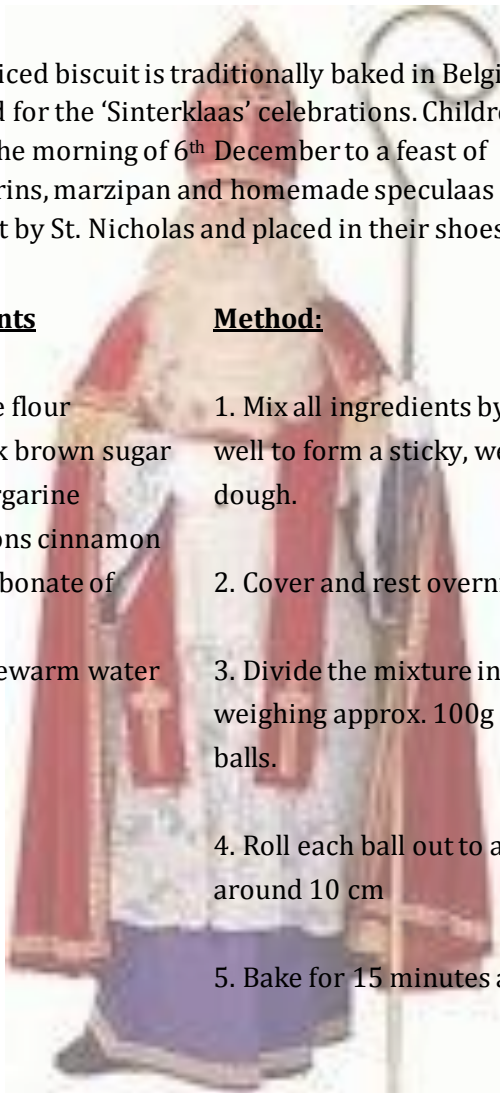
This spiced biscuit is traditionally baked in Belgium and Holland for the 'Sinterklaas' celebrations. Children wake up on the morning of 6th December to a feast of mandarins, marzipan and homemade speculaas biscuits brought by St. Nicholas and placed in their shoes.

Ingredients

1kg white flour
800g dark brown sugar
500g margarine
4 teaspoons cinnamon
10g bicarbonate of soda
1 cup lukewarm water

Method:

1. Mix all ingredients by hand and knead well to form a sticky, well-combined dough.
2. Cover and rest overnight.
3. Divide the mixture into portions weighing approx. 100g and roll into balls.
4. Roll each ball out to a length of around 10 cm
5. Bake for 15 minutes at 200 degrees C



What's On

Our next pantomime is

Woodnewton
Players

Dick Whittington



The show is taking shape.....rehearsals have started,
the production team are working on scenery, cos-
tumes, lighting, music

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THURSDAY

Nassington Village Hall

6.30 pm – 7.45 pm

(£7.00 drop in/£24.00 four weekly pass)

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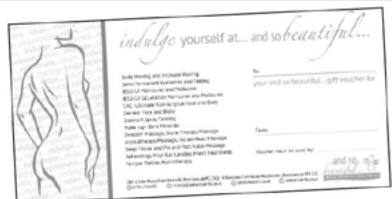


OPENING IN WOODNEWTON

And So Beautiful are delighted to announce the opening of their second salon on Saturday 14th January 2017. The purpose built salon will offer an extensive range of Beauty, Holistic and Hydro therapies. Join us to celebrate at our launch event on Thursday 12th January from 1600 to 2100. Come along, and have a sneaky peek at what we have to offer and meet our team of therapists, whilst enjoying a guided tour, fizz and nibbles.

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Woodnewton Neighbourhood Watch woodnewtonnw@googlemail.com

Police 101 (non emergency report, suspicious behaviour and enquiries)

Doctors Surgeries

Oundle	01832 275375	Wansford	01780 782342
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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.

DIARY DATES

December

Friday 2nd (until 22nd)	Art exhibition	Back cover
Monday 5th	Parish Council	pg. 1
Thursday 22nd	Carol Service	pg. 3

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You are invited to a
Private View
of Paintings, Pottery and Prints
produced by local artists

Join us for a glass of wine
at
The Pottery
on Friday 2nd December from 7.00pm

The exhibition will remain open until 22nd December