

WOODNEWTON NEWS

MAY 2017



Daniel Hauck

News and Reports

The Parish Council met on 3rd April

Public Time 1 resident attended to seek more information on the siting of the new playground equipment, and to make the Council aware of the potential noise nuisance if the equipment is poorly sited. Council noted the comments. No final decision has yet been made. 2 residents attended to thank the Council for the work to co-ordinate all stakeholders in the re-surfacing of St Mary's Hill and to seek more information on timing and impact of the work.

Planning There were two applications to be considered. Both were returned without objections.

Playground Project The Council has met with the Village Hall Committee for a site visit to look at the siting of the new equipment. The next step is to meet with the suppliers and installers and agree the final plan to complete the work.

Allotments The Council refused a request by a resident to keep ducks on the allotment.

St Mary's Hill Council held a discussion regarding the re-surfacing. It was unanimously agreed that as the residents were keen to get involved Council thought it was a worthwhile project to support, it was further agreed that the re-surfacing of the three sections will take place at the same time in order for less disruption to take place. As part of the road is un-adopted Council take no further responsibility for the maintenance of this section of road.

Churchyard Dog Fouling The Clerk had submitted a PSPO application to ban dogs from the Churchyard due to amount of dogs that are currently fouling the paths and graves. Even if the application is successful, the ban does not have to be implemented and can be kept in reserve if other measures such as signs do not have the desired effect. The Council will continue to monitor the situation and take action if appropriate.

Village Communication The Council plans to investigate ways for improved communication of village events. The new website will help but there are other potential solutions provided with modern technology. The first part of the consultation will be at the Annual Parish Meeting on 23rd May.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 8th May at 8.00pm

Andrew Hansford - Parish Council Chairman

St Mary's Church

From the Vicar

May brings Rogationtide, coming as it does, between the 5th Sunday of Easter and Ascension Day. Traditionally this was the time to ask for God's blessing and protection upon the fields and crops at a time when any blight or poor harvest would result in the community going hungry later in the year. Now, of course, with our supermarkets and efficient farming we are somewhat removed from that fear, but nevertheless, surrounded as we are by the agricultural life in this lovely area, it is still timely that we set aside a time to pray for our farmers and those who work on the land.

Rogationtide was also the time for "beating the bounds" when, in the days before freely available maps, Google Earth and the like, it was important for a village to know the bounds of their own land, so everyone would walk the boundary of their village. Boys were "bumped" on prominent marks and boundary stones, or even rolled in briars and ditches to ensure they never forgot the boundaries. Although we don't need to make sure our young folk remember their own fields anymore, this is a good time to give thanks for the place where live and to celebrate a sense of belonging; so important to our mental well-being. Perhaps we should also ask God's blessing upon those who feel, for whatever reason, that they don't belong, and do all that we can to build up the sense of community where we live.

The 17th century poet-priest, George Herbert, said that Rogationtide should be about asking God's blessing upon the fields, a sense of justice in keeping the boundaries of the fields, caring for each other in walking together as the village beat the bounds, offering a time for reconciliation and friendship, and a care for the poor by the distribution of charity. All of these can still be so relevant today, and perhaps this month we can think about how we can put his ideas into practice in our own ways.

Towards the end of May we will be having a particular focus in our churches on prayer – you are most warmly invited to join us.

With every blessing

Rev. Jane

May Services

7 May	9.30am	Sung CW Holy Communion	Rev Peter Morrell
14 May	9.30am	Said Morning Prayer	Tom Tomalin
21 May	9.30am	Sung CW Holy Communion	Rev Jane Tailby (coffee)
28 May	8.30am	BCP said Holy Communion	Rev Jane Tailby

St Mary's Fundraising Group

A team of seven people have joined together to put together several fundraising activities to raise money for the toilet/kitchen project. The plans for this have been and still are with the DAC, awaiting their approval. One of our team is standing by to apply for grants as soon as the faculty is received. In the meantime, several events are in the process of being organised and will be advertised as soon as the dates have been confirmed. However, on Saturday, 16th September a Musical Evening is being held in the church. Further details next month. By the time you read this newsletter our first event, St George's Coffee & fun morning will have taken place.

See p.6 for photos from the Easter service

Communicare

New Patient Transport Arrangements

Following the cessation of our own voluntary transport scheme, we have been in negotiation with Oundle Volunteer Action – this is an organisation based in Oundle who provide services to the community in particular the elderly and vulnerable, including transportation for medical appointments (hospital, doctor, dentist, optician, etc).

Anyone contacting the Wansford surgery will now be redirected to the OVA's office where they can register and discuss their needs for transport. At least 48 hours' notice should be given for a required journey – this allows time to arrange a suitable driver. More urgent requests will always be considered but the transport cannot be guaranteed. The charges for this service are 40 pence per mile from the patient's house to the destination point and return (minimum charge £3). Under normal circumstances the driver will wait for the duration of the patient's appointment. However if a long period is likely to elapse before the return journey, this should be notified to the office when booking. (Certain patients may be eligible for free hospital transport – the reception staff at Wansford can advise on this when contacted)

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Information can be obtained from their website: www.volunteeractionundle.org.uk


Additional drivers always needed - If you feel that you could commit a few hours a week or month (choice of day, time, extent entirely flexible) please contact OVA – they will provide all the necessary information to enable you to make a decision.

Social Group: Coffee morning: Friday 12th May at Sports Active Kings Cliffe 10am.

The next day trip will be on Wednesday 7th June to a seaside location – venue to be confirmed – however to book contact Clare Wagstaffe 01780 470437 / superfoguk@aol.com

[com](mailto:superfoguk@aol.com)

Final Reminder: There is still availability on our short break 4-night holiday to Bournemouth leaving on Monday 15th May – Double/Twin rooms only staying at the Savoy Hotel - £305pp inclusive of transport, DB&B, days out during stay and insurance. For further information contact Clare asap.



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Your Newsletter

We are very grateful to Ivan Walker who is the Treasurer for the Woodnewton News. He has completed the accounts for the year to March 2017 and you will see (below) that we are just matching our income to our expenditure. Income is generated mostly by ads, and we are supported in this by a regular set of advertisers. Thank you! We also benefit from an annual grant from The Parish Council and donations from other Woodnewton groups. As all work to produce and deliver the newsletter is done by volunteers, this money has only to cover the cost of printing plus the website. We have a great deal from Colemans which, taken all together, means we can continue to get the newsletter to your door 11 months of the year at no cost to you.

We have a dedicated set of contributors. In particular, we would like to thank Marilyn Jenner for organising information from the church, Roger Flack for 'On the Plot', the Parish Council, Communicare and Neighbourhood Watch. Photos are most often supplied by Matthew Roberts and occasionally Daniel Hauck. Many other groups and people support us by writing article, advertising events and contributing photos, too. We can't name you all! **It's great to hear from anyone in the village, either as an individual or promoting a group. Please see p.14 for details of how to submit an article or photo.**

David Webb has a loyal band of helpers who put together and deliver the newsletter in time for the 1st of the month. Many thanks to all of you.

WOODNEWTON NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

	2017		2016		2015		2014	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS								
Grants								
Parish Council		150.00		150.00		150.00		150.00
Village Hall committee		50.00		50.00		50.00		50.00
Parochial Church Council		0.00		0.00		50.00		70.00
Woodnewton Players		50.00		50.00		50.00		0.00
Communicare		0.00		0.00		40.00		0.00
		<u>250.00</u>		<u>250.00</u>		<u>340.00</u>		<u>270.00</u>
Advertising		412.50		512.50		340.00		505.00
Printing Flyers		0.00		11.40		39.80		87.34
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>662.50</u>		<u>773.90</u>		<u>719.80</u>		<u>862.34</u>
PAYMENTS								
Printing (Colemans)	573.96		558.00		571.35		654.45	
Website hosting and domain name	71.86		80.24		0.00		71.86	
McAfee Total PC Protection	0.00		24.99		23.33		21.66	
Stamps and stationery	0.00		7.35		3.18		20.90	
Refund to advertiser	<u>0.00</u>		<u>0.00</u>		<u>33.33</u>		<u>10.00</u>	
TOTAL PAYMENTS		645.82		670.58		631.19		778.87
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS		<u>16.68</u>		<u>103.32</u>		<u>88.61</u>		<u>83.47</u>
OPENING BANK BALANCE AND CASH ON HAND		1867.60		1,764.28		1,675.67		1,592.20
CLOSING BANK BALANCE AND CASH ON HAND		<u>1884.28</u>		<u>1,867.60</u>		<u>1,764.28</u>		<u>1,675.67</u>

Clean Up Day – 1st April

It really was no joke as the Spring Clean Up Day got under way on 1st April. Organised by the Parish Council, the two Clean Up Days every year (in Spring and Autumn) aim to keep the village looking nice, somewhere we can all be proud to call home, and to foster a sense of community. Thanks to the volunteers who tackle various tasks such as pruning, litter picking, painting, weeding, removing ivy, cleaning road signs etc, we can get so much done that otherwise we would have to pay contractors to do. This year was no different as a large band of keen village folk arrived to get stuck in to the days tasks. Litter picking was done in all areas of the village and on the lanes to Nassington and Apethorpe. The children's' playhouse was painted, the bonfire site cleared and tidied, the bench and gates at the cemetery were painted and finally the village hall car park was re-gravelled. After all their hard graft, the workforce enjoyed tea, home-made cakes and a chance to sit and chat with friends and neighbours.

Look out for the next Clean Up Day in October.

Easter Sunday Service

Thirty five adults and children gathered together to celebrate the Risen Lord. The church had been filled with flowers showing that the season of Lent had come to an end. The Rev Peter Morrell led the service with readings by Paul Aspland and John Miley. The children also helped with the collection and handing out Easter eggs to the congregation.



Clean up Day April 2017



What's On

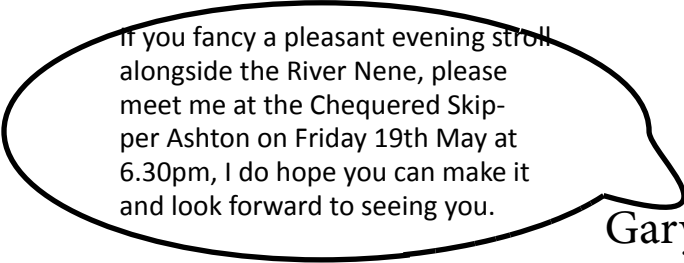
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REFRESHMENTS



If you fancy a pleasant evening stroll alongside the River Nene, please meet me at the Chequered Skipper Ashton on Friday 19th May at 6.30pm, I do hope you can make it and look forward to seeing you.

Gary Says

COLUMNISTS



LADIES!!

Did you know there is a Woodnewton Running Group?

We would love you to join us.

The group runs regularly on a Tuesday evening around 5pm and then we let each other know on What's App if we are going out at other times and would like company. We will happily support you starting from scratch through the Couch-to-5k programme which many of us used. The idea is to encourage new runners, so we are happy to run at the pace of the newest members. Currently we run 5k across country on a Tuesday but during the winter used the roads. We are completely non-competitive and run along chatting.

It's not too late to put your New Year's resolution into practice! Get fitter and/or lose a bit of weight – you will feel better for it and we would love to help you.

Contact Liz (call 470676 or text 07932 359489), Alex (470101) or Eunice (470708) if you would like to join us.



Or is cycling more your thing?

Did you know there is a ladies cycling group in Woodnewton?

We call ourselves The Belles after a name originally given to the group by our founder, Fi Thompson. Fi has moved now but the group still meets twice a week.

There are weekly outings on a Tuesday morning and a Wednesday or Thursday afternoon. Sometimes we add another trip – again we use What's App to arrange what suits. You just turn up when you can. We plan routes of about 20-30km and aim to be out for 90 minutes to a couple of hours. It's all very flexible and we will always travel at a pace to suit everyone – no woman left behind, even if you have a puncture!

If you know someone who rides with the group just talk to them about joining in. Otherwise contact Liz as above. You will get a very warm welcome.

Woodnewton History Group

Derek Gunn in Woodnewton

Derek Gunn, who worked in the Old Garage and Petrol Station Main Street (now No. 52), qualified as a Cabinet Maker at Northampton Technical College. In 1958 after his discharge from the forces, where for most of the time he was making furniture for officers, he started work as a woodwork teacher at King's Cliffe School and stayed there until 1972. Prior to leaving he had been teaching metal work and engineering drawing, as well as woodwork, to O-level standard.

With the onset of the three tiered system of education, Derek then decided to become self-employed and that is when he rented The Old Garage and Petrol Station (at that time a large stone barn) in Main Street from Mr Tommy Bould of King's Cliffe, which he used as a workshop. He went to Halifax to buy his essential machinery and then made anything that was needed.

Vic Black of Warmington used to help Derek and he introduced him to Mr Arthur Malster, who at the time was the owner of Crowsons Funeral Directors at Barnwell. Derek then started making coffins and other items of joinery and furniture for Crowsons. Unfortunately, Mr Malster developed health problems and subsequently asked Derek whether he would be interested in buying the business of Crowsons. This was an area in which Derek had always shown a great interest and so in May 1976 Derek closed the Woodnewton workshop, shortly after moving home and business to the premises in Barnwell. Mr Malster stayed working at Crowsons for two years or so whilst Derek learned the business fully and qualified as a Funeral Director with the National Association of Funeral Directors. He finally retired in 2003

The history group would like to thank Mr and Mrs Gunn for their help in the preparation of this article.



The Old Garage and Petrol Station

On The Plot

A 'friend' reckons it was all wind last time. Now it's essentially a drought, but around now you will probably be feeling upset because it is so wet! It all saves us from boredom I suppose, as does my subject this month.

Slugs and snails are high on the list of pet hates for every gardener. Indeed the RHS report that this group is the main subject of pest enquiries they deal with.

One crumb of comfort presently may be that they are rather less evident in periods of dry than in wet times.

Be assured however that evident or not, they are there lurking, waiting to come and get your crops as soon as they put on any growth and they have nice damp surfaces it move over. They love young tender shoots, so seedlings can be wiped out overnight. Anything managing to grow beyond that stage, especially if it is essentially soft-tissued is high on the menu for them. Your plot is their Hambleton Hall. The only difference is that they get the feed for free and there is no travel involved - well, not much.

Faced with this grim situation, most gardeners do not sit back and smile. They utter very naughty words and reach for the slug pellets. The problem here is that, although this solution undoubtedly works, most readily available and cheaper pellets have the active ingredient metaldehyde in them. Unfortunately most users overdose ground to a very high degree. Some areas can literally be turned blue by the concentration applied. There is now no doubt that this chemical is dangerous to wildlife and can contaminate water supplies. It is proved no more effective when applied in such concentrations than when applied properly, which is around 1-2g/square metre. This equates to about one pellet every 4-6inches. Even then pellets should not touch any edibles.

If you use this material do please consider this fact carefully when applying and try to protect treated areas from birds and other wildlife using netting, fleece or any other suitable form of cover.

Pellets based on Ferric Sulphate are also available and less toxic to wildlife. They are certified as organic and should be applied at around twice the density as the former type. Nematodes can be purchased and watered into the soil. Nemasys is a well known make, but like all such treatments is expensive.

Other weapons include copper tape barriers which seem to have doubtful success except on pot edges. They are also pretty impractical on a vegetable or flower bed. Mulches based on wool, grit, bark or moisture-absorbent material can be used but again research shows them to be fairly ineffective. Beer traps can be set and work by attracting and drowning but many reckon they are just a waste of good beer!

A wildlife rich area is probably the very best defence so that natural control takes place. Failing all this, go out under cover of darkness armed with a torch and pick them off. I know someone who can offer instruction..... I wonder, will mine

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Woodnewton Mobile Library 11:45 - 12:10 Orchard Crescent every third Wednesday of the month.

DIARY DATES

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