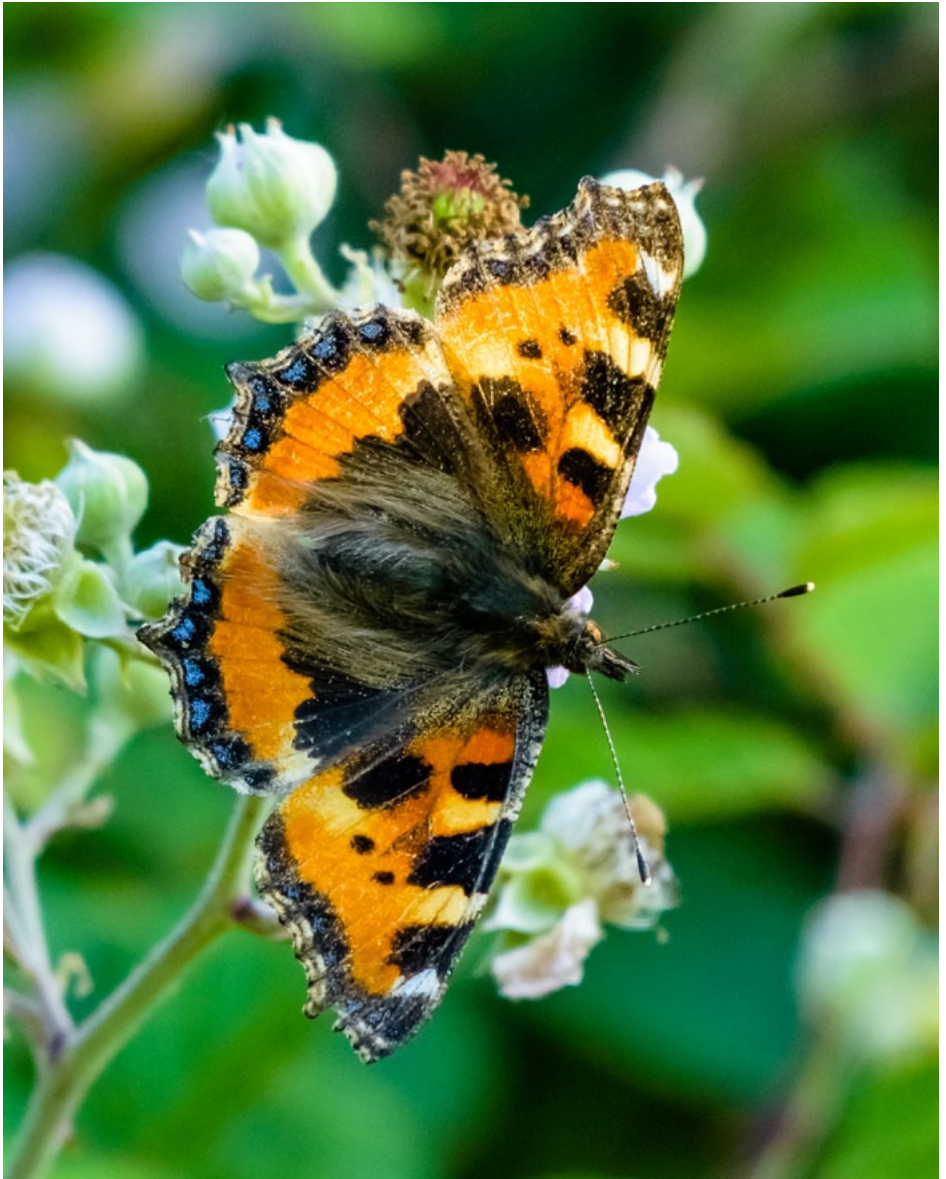


WOODNEWTON NEWS

AUGUST 2017



This beautiful picture of a little tortoiseshell butterfly was taken by Daniel Hauck at Conegar Farm

News and Reports

The Parish Council met on 5th June

Playground Project

All the parts of the jigsaw are now in place, with funding, payments, etc. all finalised. The installation work is scheduled to begin towards the end of July. I hope to be able to give a more detailed update in the July newsletter as to the timing of works and the impact on playground users.

Allotments

As previously agreed following concerns raised by tenants, the Council consulted a pest control company regarding the increasing amounts of damage caused by rabbits, deer, and badgers. Cutting back some of the brambles in the autumn will help, (look out for an appeal for Volunteers later in the year) but the company also suggested an electric fence is often very effective. Before any such action is implemented the Council would need to consult with all stakeholders and would need to be mindful of the impact on other wildlife, dogs, children and other users. For the time being the situation regarding plot damage will be kept under review.

Churchyard Trees

Following a site meeting with Tree Surgeon James Rowlett regarding the condition of the 3 large Chestnut trees in the churchyard and agreement as to the work required to stabilise the trees, a quote for £1,440.00 was received. The Trees are in a Conservation Zone and some have Tree Preservation Orders (TPO's) on them so permission will be needed from ENC before any work can begin. There will be a need for the machinery to access the trees via St Mary's Hill as there is no vehicular access to the Churchyard. Should the work go ahead, residents affected will be informed of any disruption. A decision will be made at the July Council meeting.

Village Sign – A reminder

If you would like to design the new Village sign for the triangle then please contact Liz Holland.

The Parish Council met on 3rd July

Public Time

3 residents attended during public time. Issues raised during public time included Woodnewton Players extending the path alongside the Village Hall, and clarification of the plans for St Mary's Hill and the tree work in the Churchyard

Playground Project

If all has gone to plan over the last 2 or 3 weeks, then by the time you read this, the village playing field should have been transformed with the addition of the new equipment and some remedial works to the existing apparatus. This work is the culmination

of a 3-year plan to gather money, seek opinions, carry out surveys, complete grant applications, get agreement from all interested parties, and engage contractors, and it is fantastic to see it all come together. The new equipment extends the age range catered for, and it will broaden the appeal of the playing field to the many visitors who come from far and wide.

Churchyard

An application has been made to fell one of the large Chestnut trees in the Churchyard. A report on the health of the trees was commissioned from a qualified consultant. In order to prolong the life of the two healthy trees, the recommendation was to fell the diseased middle tree. As the tree are subject to Preservation Orders an application to ENC is required. It is hoped to have the work completed before the re-surfacing of St Mary's Hill begins.

A large headstone that became very loose and posed a danger of toppling over has been re-set and made safe.

Accounts

The first part of the annual audit of the accounts has been completed. There were no issues arising.

Other News

The painting of the Cemetery gates and bench has been completed.

The Churchyard wall will be inspected as there are a few areas showing signs of decay. The owner of the lawn mower left on the verge by the Village hall has been asked to remove it.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 4th September at 8.00pm
Andrew Hansford - Parish Council Chairman

St Mary's Church

Over the past few weeks a number of churches in Northamptonshire have lost the lead off their roofs, or there has been failed attempts. May we ask that you keep your eyes open for any parked vans around the church at any time of the day or night.

Church Clock

For those of you who live in the area around the church will have noticed that the church clock is only correct twice a day. We have had a quote to fix the problem and have been quoted £2,000. The PCC have decided that as the Quinquennial Report, that we had on the church in March, shows that some of the stone work requires attention, we do not have the money to attend to both. This means that the clock will not be repaired for the time being.

Choral Evensong

A joyous occasion of word and music was had at the 6pm service on the 11th June. We welcomed two visiting organists; Eric Tyson from Bristol and James Parsons from

Wales. A total of 16 of John's friends from Ketton, Warmington, Woodnewton and London made up the choir for the evening. They sang the responses, Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis to Brewer in D and an Anthem: Zadok the Priest. Bishop John Flack was the preacher for the evening who also provided us with the history of the hymns

Tombola

We are holding a tombola at the Oundle Farmers' Market on September 9th. If you have any unwanted gifts, we would be very grateful to receive them in the box in the church, or to 5 Orchard Lane. Thanks.

Old Time Music Hall

This event is being run by St Mary's Fund Raising Team and is taking place in the church on Saturday, 16th September, 7pm for 7.15pm.

Tickets are price at £12.50 which includes a supper and they can be obtained from Ann Galloway on henry.galloway@btinternet.com

Do come appropriately dressed for the period, a prize will be given to the best dressed member of the audience. Monies raised from this evening will be for the Toilet/Kitchen project.

Caring for our church

We have been blessed recently with a new group in the village that has been organising some splendid events for the church that bring the community together and are raising funds for our much needed and much anticipated toilet and kitchen area. It will be lovely to host future events using our purpose-built kitchen, with the comfortable reassurance that we can offer people toilet facilities as needed. These will be equally welcomed by those travelling from afar for a wedding or other major service in our church. We are all most grateful for the group who have such energy and enthusiasm and are using their skills and talents to ensure that our ancient church that has served the village so well over the centuries continues to fit for purpose now in the 21st Century.

There are many who use support the life of our church in so many ways – taking part in services, providing hospitality at major festivals, cleaning and decorating our lovely building so that it is a place that people enjoy coming to, whether it is for a service, to explore its history, or simply to find a quiet place of peace in the midst of the bustle of a busy world. Thank you to all those who make our life together possible.

The day to day running of our church, keeping it open and functioning also takes funds, and in the last few years our general outgoings have exceeded our income. The largest part of these outgoings is the "Parish Share"; an amount paid to the church authorities in the diocese. Contrary to what some may think, none of this money goes to support our bishop or the cathedral, but it goes to fund the ministry within the parishes – most of it covering the cost of having a vicar in place. Our parishes are already grouped together to share this cost, but imagine how it would be if our benefice was combined, say with the parishes in the Warmington group (another 5 villages!) with just one vicar.

That is why we try very hard to cover our costs, keep the church warm and welcoming, experiment with different types of service that seek to bring new people into the church and offer a special welcome at key times in people's lives – to celebrate birth or marriage and to give thanks for a loved one at death.

You know what's coming, I am sure – do you think you could help us keep going? Our outgoings last year were almost £19,000. We most grateful to all those who support us financially – we couldn't do it without you! We just need others to join you..... If you think you could help us in any way, with a financial contribution, a regular gift-aided donation or practical help of any kind, please do get in touch with our church warden, Marilyn Jenner or our treasurer, Alan Midgley, or with me.

Together, we can make sure that our lovely church is always there whenever we need it, and needless to say, if there is anything particular you need of us at any time, please do get in touch. And come along to our future events – I'm particularly looking forward to the Old Time Music Hall!

With every blessing and much prayer,

Rev. Jane

Communicare

The guest speaker at our meeting in June was Sarah-Jane Turner, Emergency Care Practitioner at Wansford surgery, who gave a brief resume of her career within the health service which commenced with nursing training at Peterborough hospital, progressing to paramedic and intensive-care work before taking up her post at the surgery. Along with Julie Jackson, Sarah-Jane line manages the nursing team and operates a triage system for patients who wish to be seen on the same day as an emergency. Her experience allows her to personally deal with many aspects of treatment and care with particular emphasis on medication reviews. These are carried out at specific times of the day but on occasions can be arranged to suit the patient by arrangement via reception. This also covers palliative care and the progress of end of life pathways. Much of her work entails telephone contact with patients – the previous week 270 calls had been taken for triage. However Sarah-Jane confirmed that patients were not contacted with test results, which have always been reviewed by a GP, unless there was a problem to be addressed – patients could contact reception staff but they can only divulge the basic information which may also be available on the patient's web record in the future. Results can be obtained after 2.30pm when the phone lines are less busy. In addition to her role at the surgery, Sarah-Jane also undertakes cover at the City Care Centre for the '111' and Out of Hours services and utilizes her extensive experience to train other staff in emergency treatments such as CPR.

As the defibrillator located at Wansford surgery had recently saved a patient's life, the meeting unanimously agreed with the officials' recommendation to fund the purchase of an urgently needed replacement defibrillator for the Kings Cliffe surgery.

Dr Takhar reported that the practice is in negotiation for the purchase of a four acre

site in Kings Cliffe (the old middle school site) with potential plans for a new surgery complex including a pharmacy, sheltered accommodation, an intermediary care home, training facilities and also a technical hub for possible internet contact and interaction. A project manager responsible for overseeing this development, including sourcing other organisations for a joint venture, is due to commence work shortly -- An estimate of the costs involved is between £7M and £10M with a time scale of 2-2.1/2 years to completion once under way. Further updates on progress will be given at future meetings.

The next meeting will be our annual general meeting on Wednesday 6th September at 6.30pm at Wansford surgery.

There is no coffee morning in August but we have a day trip to Bourton-on-the-Water in the Cotswolds on Wednesday 16th - to book contact Clare Wagstaffe 01780 470437 / superfoguk@aol.com


WEDDING ON MAIN STREET AUGUST 27th

Steve King and family are celebrating the wedding of his daughter on 27th August at their home on Main Street.

Steve would like to apologise in advance for any inconvenience caused by cars parking on Main Street that day. He has made alternative transport arrangements available to guests to help minimise the number of cars that day.

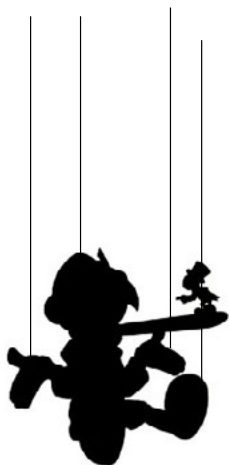
Thanks for your patience!

What's On



If you fancy a pleasant walk along the River Nene please meet me at 'The Chequered Skipper' pub at Ashton on Saturday 19th August at 10.00am. I do hope you can come along

Gary Says



Announces the 2018 pantomime

Pinocchio

Launch evening

4th August 2017 7.30 pm at

Woodnewton Village Hall

To kick things off we're having a launch evening to introduce the pantomime and the characters.

We're always really keen to find more people to be involved and join us. Woodnewton Players is constantly evolving and as a result every year there are new roles to be filled both on and off stage.

If you have any skills you feel would be useful that's great, but it certainly isn't a prerequisite for joining.

Come along and see what it's all about.

If you would like to get involved
but can't come along on the 4th

Contact us on:

woodnewtonplayers@gmail.com

Sarah 01780 470709



COLUMNISTS

NASSINGTON & YARWELL GARDEN SHOW – Memories of past shows and an invitation to the 2017 event

Just after my wife and I moved to the area in 1972, we were asked to judge the Fancy Dress Parade at the Nassington and Yarwell Garden Society Annual Show on August Bank Holiday Monday. We were chosen, it was explained, because as newcomers not knowing the locals, we would be free from prejudice!

In the 1970s, a tractor and trailer, preceded by the Yarwell & Nassington Britannia Brass Band, would start from Yarwell, collecting children in fancy dress as it processed through Nassington to the showground. At some stage, the farmer's insurers declined to provide cover for the children, so sadly the spectacle is no more. However, happily in 1984, during the Miners' Strike, the Garden Society struck a lighter note, when our daughter was judged to have won the Fancy Dress Parade, dressed as a miner.

Memorable shows included the one in 1976, at the end of an unprecedented drought, when Harold Wilson blighted the show by appointing Denis Howell as Minister for Drought, thus provoking providence for the heavens to open on the Bank Holiday afternoon, when over an inch of rain flooded out the marquee.

I have had the honour of presiding over the Society in past years and am now on my second term of office. This year will be our 137th Annual Show – the Society was first established in 1880 and has held shows continuously including during both World Wars – as they said at the Windmill amidst an air raid in 1940, “the show goes on” - as indeed it will again on the **28th August at Nassington cricket field from 2.0 to 5.0pm. Entrance fee £2 (Under 16s free)** Parking areas are adjacent to the showground and any disabled vehicles are allowed onto the site.

Many attractions are planned, including the Y&N Brass Band, dog show, classic cars, bouncy castle and a whole variety of stalls selling food, drinks, produce, gifts, etc. Don't miss the raffle – due to generous support there are some wonderful prizes this year - as well as cash there are hampers, fun days out and a one night stay for two people at the Holiday Inn Thorpe Wood including dinner.

The show is reliant upon the enthusiasm of both local people and non-residents entering the competitions which include adult and childrens' sections. We particularly welcome entries from those who have never exhibited before. **Copies of the schedule are available from local shops or can be obtained from www.nassington.org.uk/events or www.facebook.com/nassingtonandyarwellgardensociety. Registration of entries will be at Nassington village hall on Friday 25th from 7-9pm**

Put the date on your calendar and bring family and friends along for what should be a very pleasant afternoon

On the Plot

After a rather slow start I am now harvesting many of the crops that I planted or sowed a few weeks ago. As in most years, there have been problems, but I do try to look ahead positively in the hope that things will improve next time!

One indisputable fact is that we live in one of the driest areas in the country. Another is that most soils here are free-draining and naturally lacking in moisture, for most of the summer at least.



With this in mind I try to improve the soil on my plot whenever I can by adding organic matter of various types whenever I can get hold of it and have the time needed. There is no doubt that soils rich in such material hold on to any available moisture for far longer than those without. Also, of course, the soil structure itself is vastly improved by the addition of any organic material and many necessary plant foods are made available too.

As I harvest and remove crops areas of spare ground increase. Some such areas are replanted, but not all by any means.

This therefore is a very good time to plant green manures. Not only do they provide welcome organic matter when dug into the soil, as they grow they suppress the growth of weeds and shelter the soil from the leaching or compacting effects of heavy rain (do I hear the sound of laughter at this point?).

Most garden centres sell seeds, as do major mail order suppliers. Tuckers of Ashburton sell a very comprehensive number of species and I can recommend them. I generally sow brown mustard, but other good varieties to sow now include field beans, Italian ryegrass, crimson clover, and vetches. Of these, clover is especially good for enriching the nutrient level of the soil. All improve soil structure.

Sowing is easy. Just rake out a decent seed bed and scatter the seed as directed on the packet. Rake the area over afterwards and within a short time the seeds will germinate and grow away. If no rain falls during this time, a watering using a can fitted with a fine rose will help to ensure success. Try not to really soak the ground because this can lead to a hardpan forming on the soil surface and germinating seed can find it hard to break through this. It is best to water lightly and often.

After a few weeks your crop will be ready to be dug in. Often I chop the plants up first, using shears or a strimmer. This should be done as the plants stand in the ground and then everything is incorporated into the soil. Afterwards it is best to not sow into soil that has been treated in this way for a month or so.

If dry weather persists, weed growth on remaining areas of your plot will be reduced. However do try to keep hoeing. It is far easier to do this now than having to remove mature weeds later.

THE VILLAGE BIER

If any of you have used the book stall in the church, you will have noticed that the books are displayed on a bier. This bier belongs to the village of Woodnewton.

Mr Leonard of the Manor House purchased the bier for the sum of £25 on behalf of Woodnewton Women's Institute in 1930. Paperwork shows that it was bought for the free use of the Parishioners of Woodnewton and Apethorpe, and the only condition was that it should **remain Institute property.**



From paperwork we know that this Bier was used

within the two villages for the next 23 years, but in April 1953, a letter was written by Mrs E L Brown to the Northants Federation of the W.I., stating that due to lack of members, the Woodnewton Branch of the Women's Institute would have to be suspended after 25 years. So what was to happen to the Bier????

Later that year a request from the WI was put to the Parish Council asking whether they would take the Bier on, but saying that the use of it had to remain 'free'. The Parish Council replied noting that they would have to find somewhere to store it; since



its present storage location was in the WI Secretary's barn with her tractor. Over the next fifteen months correspondence flew between the secretary of the suspended Woodnewton WI, the Northants Federation and Woodnewton Parish Council, until in March 1955 at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council it was agreed that the WI County Organiser be informed that the new vicar, Revd Albert Irwin, had promised to store the Bier on vicarage grounds and it was still to be used on the basis of the agreement with the WI.

Presumably, the Bier remained at the vicarage, but after a new vicarage was built and the old one was sold, there is no paperwork in the archives showing where it went. Following research into Funeral Biers in the Oundle Deanery with the help of Mr Trevor Danks in 2001, it was found.....in a Flower Shop in Stamford!

It was agreed to have the Bier restored, as it was infested with woodworm, and had a broken wooden handle as well as some of the metalwork being in a bad state of repair. It was taken to David Wills' workshop in Oundle for restoration to its former glory. After the broken spring had been repaired by the late Bob Gardner and a new ash handle turned by Brian Norris, the wooden parts treated with numerous applications of woodworm killer and finally sanded and coated numerous times with yacht varnish, the Bier was now back, as far as possible, to its original condition. The total sum for its renovation was £64.80.

It was returned to Woodnewton in 2004 and took up a new home in the church.



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

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Party on the Hill was another great village event



There's still time to submit an entry for the re-design of the village sign. The parish council will consider designs at their meeting on 4th August. Please see p.14 for the email address.