WOODNEWTON NEWS

NOVEMBER 2017



Matthew Roberts

News and Reports

The Parish Council met on 2nd October 2017

Following the resignation of the clerk, an emergency resolution was passed to allow Liz Holland to act as clerk for the month.

Planning

The amended plans at The Granary were reviewed with no objections raised Village Sign

Costs for 3 different production proposals were considered. After much discussion it was decided to ask Glynn Mould to re-produce the design of the existing sign, adding elements from the newly-submitted designs. He has quoted approx. £1,525 to produce a sign like this.

New Clerk

A recruitment campaign has begun to find a replacement for Mrs Sardeson who has resigned with effect from 30th September

Churchyard - new tree

The permission to remove a tree from the churchyard stipulated the need to plant a 'replacement'. Councillors were unanimous in agreeing that there is no suitable place in the churchyard and that horse chestnuts are not currently a sensible choice because of known diseases. An English oak will be bought and planted in the cemetery. To cost no more than £100.

Website

5 Nov

The search is also on to find a replacement for Matthew Roberts who has given many years of voluntary service to maintaining the website.

Next meeting MONDAY NOVEMBER 6th 8pm. ALL WELCOME.

9 30 CW Sung Holy Communion

St Mary's Services

31101	2.30 GVV bung Hory Communion
	3.00 All Souls Benefice Service
12 Nov	10.30 Remembrance Service (laying of wreaths & minute silence)

19 Nov 9.30 CW Sung Holy Communion(Coffee served after service)

26 Nov 8.30 BCP said Holy Communion

Advance notice

Thursday 21st December 7pm Candlelit carol service

Communicare

As discussed and agreed at our recent AGM a special meeting would be beneficial for patients and representatives from all the district and relevant parish councils to gain information regarding the proposed new healthcare project in Kings Cliffe. Initially it was hoped to arrange this for the end of November, but unfortunately this has not been possible – a longer period of time is required to establish contact with all relevant parties. However it is envisaged that the meeting will take place within the next month or so and details will be circulated and posted as soon as possible.

The quarterly general patients' meeting will now be held on Wednesday 29th November at 12.30pm at Wansford surgery Please note that in line with previous years, winter meetings are held at lunch time to avoid the necessity for patients to travel during darkness hours.

What's On

COMMUNICARE

(Wansford & Kings Cliffe Surgery Patient Group)

A general meeting open to all patients will be held on

Wednesday 29th November 2017 at Wansford Surgery – 12.30 pm

Guest Speaker: Emily Howlett
On-Site Pharmacist

Emily will be giving an update on pharmacy matters in particular current work on the support of isolated elderly patients and the recent accreditation as an official Healthy Living Pharmacy with all staff trained as Dementia Friends.

Other items on the agenda include surgery news and finance

Gary Says

My next walk will be on November 11th at 10.00am and will be the groups Children in Need ramble whereby participants may make a donation to this worthwhile cause if they so wish.

The walk will start in Great Bowden from the village shop / tea room and we shall be going into Market Harborough via the canal.

I hope you can make it



Woodnewton History Group: Forenames from the Woodnewton Baptismal Register

Which were the favourite names used in the village over the last 100 years or so? That is not quite so easy to answer, because as yet we do not have information about those villagers who attended the Methodist Chapel, so this little study is confined to choices shown in the church baptismal register.

They are broken down into four groups of 25 years, starting in 1813

Names	1813-37 %	1838-62 %	1863-87 %	1888-1912 %	Average %
Elizabeth/ Eliza etc.	17.00	9.00	6.00	6.00	9.50
Mary	7.00	17.00	8.00	7.00	10.25
Susanna(h)	4.00				1.00
Sarah	4.00	7.00	9.00	3.00	5.75
Jane	4.00	3.00			1.75
Catherine	4.00				1.00
Ann(e)	4.00	6.00	6.00		4.00
Frances		3.00			0.75
Louisa/Louise		4.00	3.00		1.75
Marie/Maria		3.00			0.75
Rose			7.00	3.00	2.5
Florence			3.00	4.00	1.75
Emily			3.00		0.75
Dorothy				5.00	1.25
Charlotte				4.00	1.00
Margaret				4.00	1.00
Beatrice				3.00	0.75
Caroline				3.00	0.75
Emily				3.00	0.75
Ethel				3.00	0.75
28 Others	56.00				14.00
35 others		48.00			12.00
42 others			55.00		13.75
35 others				52.00	13.00

The chart shows how Elizabeth. Eliza etc. and Mary remained the most popular girl's names across the century, while only Sarah otherwise appears in all four periods. There was also a tendency for the popularity of certain names to increase through the century, so that from 7 names being above 2% in 1813-27, there are 12 in 1888-1912, and the range of names increases too.

Names	1813-37 %	1838-62 %	1863-87 %	1888-1912 %	Average %
John	16.00	9.00	9.00	12.00	11.50
William	11.00	4.00	9.00	4.00	7.00
George	7.00	15.00	8.00	16.00	11.50
Edward	5.50				1.50
Richard	5.50		3.00		1.50
Thomas	4.50		6.00		1.00
Arthur		8.00	3.00	8.00	4.75
James		7.00	5.00	6.50	4.50
Charles/Charlie		6.50	4.00	6.50	4.25
Alfred		4.00		4.00	2.00
Walter		4.00		4.00	2.00
Frank		2,50		2.50	1.25
Frederick		2.50	3.00	2.50	2.00
Harold/Harry		5.00		5.00	2.50
Leonard		2.50		2.50	1.25
Herbert			5.00		1.25
Henry			4.00		1.00
Joseph			4.00		1.00
Ernest			3.00		0.75
Robert			3.00		0.75
23 Others	50.50				12.5
20 Others		30.00			7.50
24 Others			31.00		7.75
20 others				26.50	6.75

Here too there are two popular names - John and George, while otherwise only William appears in each period. The range of names above the 2% threshold is exactly the same as for the girls at 20, but whereas the "other names" for the girls average around 13%, for the boys it is somewhat less - so parents were perhaps less inventive, or less open to fashion and preferred to follow family traditions.

On the Plot

As I write we are experiencing very warm weather for the time of year. Temperatures are forecast to hit 24 degrees C and the (one time) Carrot King is wondering whether wellies really do look great with his short longs.

Fashion aside, I suspect that his thermals will be out soon as we all experience colder days. The leaves have already started to fall and by the time you read this no doubt many more will have gathered in areas both easy and hard to reach. In general it is a very good idea to gather leaves up from the garden. I shall certainly be scouting around to collect as many as my super-human energy levels will allow. I have a small 'cage' up on my plot. Many suggestions have been offered for its use, but in the next few weeks I shall be filling it with all the leaves that I have collected. This cage is a true feat of engineering - four metal posts driven in to make a square area of about 1 metre then wrapped with chicken wire to form a bin about a metre or so deep.

Such a container will hold many barrows full of leaves and when I have filled it up, (after compressing the leaves somewhat), I will cover the top with a piece more chicken wire to stop the wind removing, in coming weeks, the fruits of my labour.

Once so collected and stored, the leaves will be decomposed by fungal action and by this time next year will have reduced in volume by about 70%. What is left however is the most lovely leaf mould which the lady dearest to me usually manages to obtain to spread on her garden. Maybe if I were feeling less generous I would use the product of my hard work myself, because as a soil conditioner it is second to none.

The condition of our soil dictates, to a very large extent, the quality and success of our crops. I never fail to be both surprised and delighted by the texture of soils that I have improved by the addition of leaf mould, (when I can get it!), or of well rotted manure. The difference between such soils and those that have had rather less attention is massive. Not only is texture improved, but also the environment for essential soil fauna and the ability of the soil to retain moisture.

Over coming weeks I shall be covering some areas of bare soil with such material. This will be incorporated into the soil over the winter period. I shall also fork some into other parts of the garden. In between sessions practising for his attempt to swim the Channel, my very tidy plot neighbour will find time to cover his similarly treated plots with membrane which will reduce leaching by rainwater and suppress weed growth. I should be doing that too.

Whatever, by sowing time next year ground so treated will be ready to provide rich rewards. Cast off the sunbathing gear, (with decorum, please), and get busy!

Dodge the Flak

Nene Valley Railway - Santa Specials

It's a bit odd to be be considering Christmas before we have even had Halloween or bonfire night but for the Nene Valley Railway Christmas is not only the most wonderful time of the year it's their busiest time of the year

In 2016 the NVR welcomed 20,0000 wonderful visitors on their Santa Specials and had to close bookings early as they had filled all the trains!

This year an extra carriage has been laid on to give extra capacity but the railway are still urging customers to book early as they are expecting that 2017 will see their most popular and most magical Christmas to date

The railway's recently revised online booking system now makes it even easier for a potential guest to view all the possible times and dates on offer between 25th November when they start and 24th December when the last Santa trains runs.

nvr.org.uk

NVR Santa specials facts...

NVR have been making Christmas memories for 40 years Each year

25,000 mince pies..

2,500 mini bottles of Baileys

8,000 chocolate bars









Kings Cliffe Players now recruiting!

Kings Cliffe Players are looking forward to putting on a production of 'Lark Rise' in June 2018. You've seen it on TV, read the book, now is your chance to be involved in an exciting stage production. We are currently recruiting a production team i.e. producer, lighting designer, set designer, costume designer. There will also be a need for musicians of the folk variety. Please call Felicity on 01780 470275 if you are interested in helping in any way, on or off stage. Performances are expected to be Thursday - Saturday June 7th, 8th and 9th and June 14th, 15th & 16th.

To whet your appetite, the Kings Cliffe Players are performing 'Honk' – an award winning musical for all the family, based on the story of the Ugly Duckling, to be performed on February 8th, 9th, & 10th (with matinee) and February 15th, 16th & 17th. Tickets will be on sale soon, online at http://kingscliffeplayers.org and at Kings Cliffe outlets.

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Woodnewton Mobile Library 11:45 - 12:10 Orchard Crescent every third

Wednesday of the month.

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Quiz and Supper Evening

£50 prize

Saturday 11th November

Woodnewton Village Hall

Doors open 7.00 pm – start at 7.30 pm

Two course supper including a vegetarian option and a quiz

Price:- £10.00 per person

Bring your own drinks & glasses

Teams maximum 6

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