

WOODNEWTON NEWS

DECEMBER 2017



Matthew Roberts

News and Reports

The Parish Council met on 6th November

Public Time

1 member of the public attended to express concerns over plans for development at 17 Main Street.

Planning

There was one planning application considered which was returned without objection. In addition, Council discussed the outline plans for 17 Main Street. The proposal was adjourned to enable wider discussion. The council sees a benefit in replacing an unsightly barn and developing this site. It would need to see more detailed plans before coming to a definite conclusion on a request to overstep the village boundary

2018 Budget:

At this time of year, the Council starts discussion on plans for 2018. This allows Councillors to agree the priorities for the next 12 months and enables the Council to set the precept to match planned expenditure. Further discussion will take place at the December meeting, so if you are interested in what ideas the Council has for the village then come along and find out.

Village Sign

The plans for the new village sign have been sent to a local craftsman for working into a viable model. The sign will reflect the nature of the community in which we live.

Playground

The latest safety inspection of the Playground equipment has been completed. This now includes all the new apparatus that was recently installed. An old broken dustbin was identified as a hazard and has subsequently been removed and the surrounding ground made up. In addition, you may have noticed that one of the benches has been completely refurbished. Many thanks to Cllr Blackmore for his work on this.

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

Communicare

Our quarterly general patients' meeting was held on 29th November so unfortunately too late in the month for a report on it to appear in this edition – details will be published in January.

Over the past few weeks we have been trying to 'spread the word' about the patient group by way of distributing leaflets at the flu vaccination clinics both at Kings Cliffe and Wansford. The response has been good and hopefully some patients will have already taken the opportunity to come along to our meeting last month.

As we approach a new year, we would like to thank all those who have attended both general meetings and social activities during the past twelve months – your support is greatly appreciated and we hope that you have found the various events both enjoyable and interesting. We look forward to seeing old friends and more new faces in 2018.

St Mary's Church

Services

- 3rd Sung CW Holy Communion 9.30am
- 10th Said Morning Prayer 9.30am
- 17th Sung CW Holy Communion 9.30am Coffee served afterwards
- 21st Carols by Candlelight 7.00pm Refreshments
- 24th Crib Service 11.00am
- 25th Sung CW Holy Communion 9.30am
- 31st BENEFICE CW HC at Apethorpe 10.00am

Christingle

This year Woodnewton is sharing the Christingle Service with Nassington so it will be on Sunday, 3rd December at 4pm at Nassington Church.

Carol Service

Do please come on the Thursday before Christmas to join in the singing of the Carols and hearing about the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ through readings. We are very fortunate to have a visiting organist from Australia who will be playing for that service. Seasonal refreshments will be served after the service.

What's On

Gary's Walk

On Saturday 11th November the walking group undertook a ramble in aid of Children in Need. As well as having an enjoyable walk they raised £130

My next walk is on Saturday 2nd December and will be from 'The Crown' at Elton. The walk will be to Yarwell Mill following the river Nene and returning via Nassington. If you fancy coming along for a pre christmas walk and drink please meet at 10.00am.

If you are unable to make the walk have a merry christmas and hope to see you in the new year.

Gary

COLUMNISTS

On the Plot

Days that have been relatively warm and suitable for getting out to garden have been the norm this autumn, but as I write there is a distinct feeling of change. Added to this, daylight is now severely restricted and so, given any decent weather, there is no time to waste!

The reality for most, me included, is that after a busy year it is quite pleasant not to have to rush around as we probably do during the main season. Things take on a more relaxed air and for a while that is just great!

I am trying to get my plot tidied, dug where necessary and generally in a good state ready for the new year ahead. I am also making sure that my plant protection is adequate. Pigeons and rabbits are after all they can get and a few months hard work can soon be destroyed if defences are poor.

On these darker days I really enjoy sitting and working out what I need to buy for the coming year. Seeds I shall need, of course. I still have many left in my box, but I shall be very careful not to rely on old stock. I have done this so many times in the past and have been disappointed with the results. Some will maintain their viability over a few years, but there are many that will not. My advice is that if you are in any doubt, buy fresh seed. It will hardly break the bank. If in the new season you sow seed that is one, two or more years old and little germinates you will not be very happy, I suspect! I just think that it is not worth the risk.

There are also items of equipment that I shall look at and hope to either buy or receive during the season of goodwill! There is so much from which to choose, but it is certainly a good idea to get things organised now and not wait until the beginning of the growing season when there is less time to think about such things and maybe the suppliers are charging that bit more. Like you, I suspect, I know a very good hardware shop in Stamford that has many desirable bits and pieces, so I shall certainly spend some time nosing around in there!

Things that I especially value and recommend are my stainless steel fork, spade and small hand tools. What a difference well designed and sized tools make. No effort spent in making a good selection is wasted, I feel.

One of the great delights for me at Christmas is being able to provide all of the vegetables that we need, fresh from the plot. There is great satisfaction in this after months of careful growing and tending. Indeed this is a good time to really appreciate all that enjoying gardening through the year means, both in terms of produce and friendship. A very happy Christmas from me and from Mrs Dodge. We both wish you a happy and healthy new year.

Dodge the Flak

Bonfire and Fireworks Night with Halloween Fancy Dress and Pumpkin Carving



Some of our contestants
and winners at Bonfire
Night 2017



Village Hall Wifi – a message from Grant Neville

For the last year we have been lucky enough to have free fibre broadband and WiFi at the Village Hall provided by Gigaclear. Now our free 12 months is up we have been in contact with Gigaclear to see if they can help us in giving us a deal or further free connection. It looks as if we may be the first village hall to ask for this.

Their local man Craig McFadyen has told us that they might help if we could help them get a few more villagers connected to their service - after all they are a business.

If you work from home like me, or upload photos or videos to cloud storage, the Gigaclear service offers the same speed up and well as down. Fibre to the home means that you get the same 50Mbit/s both ways. I noticed the difference immediately. Cloud photo backups used to lock up my network but now they just fly. This is great for Apple iCloud or Google photos to back up your phone photos. If you upload videos or send big email attachments it makes huge difference too.

If you hardly use your fixed phone, you can disconnect the fixed line and not have to pay your line rental. As with any Wifi you can also take advantage of Wifi calling on your mobile. My EE phone, for example, always connects to my WiFi when I am home and I get excellent coverage, when it used to be rubbish.

The standard fee for 50Mbit/s bothway broadband is £41.30 a month, with a limited time offer for free installation subject to a couple of conditions.

Any questions or to discuss details please contact Craig McFadyen on 07827 227643 or at craig.mcfadyen@gigaclear.com.

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**This is not a Gigaclear advert
If you sign up maybe we can keep the Village Hall Wifi!**

Oundle and District Care Christmas Appeal

Oundle and District Care is a small charity whose purpose is to raise money to provide services to those living in Oundle and its surrounding villages, and to support local charities. Income is raised mainly from an annual Spring Fair and a Christmas Appeal. Services provided are offering flowers or fruit to people who have recently been ill, or discharged from hospital, and loaning out mobility aids, such as wheelchairs, commodes and crutches on a short term basis to people who need temporary assistance. We also purchase medical equipment for local doctors' surgeries.

Grants are given out to charities that provide healthcare locally, including Hospital at Home, Air Ambulance, Marie Curie Cancer Care, Sue Ryder Hospice, Oundle Rural MIND, Oundle First Responders and Northants Blind Association.

Every household in Woodnewton will be receiving a Christmas Appeal envelope. Donations may be dropped off at my address as an alternative to taking them to the Oundle address given on the envelope. Please give generously to this worthy local cause.

Di Guttridge, 67A Main Street, Woodnewton
ODC Woodnewton Village Representative

From Woodnewton History Group

A New Housing Development

At the November meeting of the Parish Council in 1975, an outline planning application, for a new housing development of 18 houses on the site of the cricket field (Horse and Jockey field) were presented. (Photo below) Needless to say, the Council discussed these plans at length and taking into account views of many parishioners as well, the Council felt that the intended number of houses was too big for the size of the plot, and also that the vehicular access for so many potential cars at the point suggested, would be hazardous with the corner being so near.

No mention of this development was made in the Parish Council minutes again until January 1977, when it was recorded that the District Council had refused the application and New Era Development had appealed. However, it would appear that the ENDC had suggested plans for 12 houses to be built on this site. A Public inquiry meeting was to be held in Oundle on February 16th and the chairman, Mr Atkins was to represent the village. A village meeting was to be held before the Public Inquiry so that the chairman could voice the views of not only the Parish Council but of the parishioners too. The main objections from the village was that a development of 18 houses would be a major impact on the character of the village and reference to the proximity of the corner on Nassington Road was also made. The meeting agreed that 12 house should be the limit for this site.

Although, a further planning application for 15 houses must have been received during 1978, no further activity on this development is seen in the records until a Public meeting was held in the school on March 26th 1979. Mr Seery, the Chief Planning Officer was present to inform the village that he did not think that the new plans for 12 houses on the Cricket field could be refused. A show of hands showed that 38 parishioners agreed with only 3 people against.

Finally, the building work commenced after a few more issues such as a change of developers to Jelsons Ltd, and the style/footpath that went from Main Street on the east side of the house known as Sunnyview had to be diverted to its present day position. The first people moved in during the year of 1982.

So, what was the new development road to be called? The ENDC suggested the following names:

Blacksmith's Close, Fieldview Close

Saddler's Close, Farrier's Close

but the Parish Council had other ideas – in latter years, it was referred to as the Horse and Jockey field, and previously it was known as Hind's or Lindsey field. Both of these names came from previous Landlord's of the Horse and Jockey, but a unanimous decision was to suggest to the ENDC that it should be known as **Lindsey Close**



This picture shows the position of where the old Blacksmith's Shop stood between the Old Horse and Jockey pub and Sunny view, which is behind the telephone box and where the public footpath into Linsey Close is situated



Note the white cricket strip

Eunice, Mark, Matthew & Sarah Williams would like to wish all their friends in the village a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

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