

WOODNEWTON NEWS

FEBRUARY 2018



News and Reports

The **Parish Council** did not meet in January

Please come along to the next meeting on Monday 5th February at 8:00pm in the village hall when amongst other items we will discuss the grass cutting contract.

ST MARY'S CHURCH NEWS

CAROL SERVICE

Our Christmas celebrations started with the Carol Service on Thursday 21st December. We were very grateful to the people who helped decorate the church, flower arrangers, readers, musicians and the pop-up choir who provided us with a lovely rendition of 'torches'. We were also delighted to welcome Hamish, the organist, who was visiting from Sydney again. Mulled wine and mince pies were enjoyed after the service.

FEBRUARY SERVICES

4 Feb	9.30am	CW Sung Holy Communion
11 Feb	9.30am	CW Said Holy Communion
18 Feb	9.30am	Sung Morning Praise (Coffee served after service)
25 Feb	8.30am	BCP said Holy Communion

Please note change of pattern in our services. The New MORNING PRAISE Service has moved to the 3rd Sunday so that we can continue having songs and hymns at this service. John Miley, our organist, is only able to play on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

Communicare:

Special Feature: A Bright Future for Local Pensioners

An exciting new community project is being planned by the doctors of the Wansford and Kings Cliffe surgery to set up a large, multi-facility hub for the benefit of the elderly in this area.

The site of the former Kings Cliffe Middle School is now up for sale and plans are in motion to buy the site and build, not only a new surgery and pharmacy but a large development of assisted housing with a wide variety of supporting services. The facilities would include, among other things, a cafe which would serve hot, nutritious meals, a shop and a Wellbeing Centre which would offer a wide range of social and physical activities to provide support for people to remain both actively and physically fit plus mentoring and peer support for those with chronic diseases. The Centre would also act as a hub for a wide range of social activities which could also be used by other

local elderly folk on a drop in basis.

Dr Rhiannon Nally, one of the architects of the scheme, explained how this idea has come about. “We are aware, when talking to our elderly patients, that so many have to look outside this area and their community to find suitable facilities to cater for their needs. Many feel isolated and lonely and this can lead to a whole series of physical, medical and mental health problems.

“This scheme aims to offer the inter-connective ideal of the social care and medical needs of our local elderly population, being met under one roof within their own community. They will be encouraged to remain active, eat healthily and stay connected with the other people around them and have the benefit of medical care on site.”

It was also suggested that the scheme could include a training facility for local people who might like to work as healthcare professionals and assistants which would then enable them to work closer to home. A further benefit to the wider community would be gained by encouraging local people and schools to volunteer to help in all sorts of ways, whether it be reading with residents, helping in the kitchens or even walking the pet dog of an elderly resident.

The scheme will benefit not only Kings Cliffe but all the surrounding area, extending out as far as Corby, Stamford and Peterborough.

It is still in the (advanced) planning stage and Doctors Takhar and Nally are keen to hear the views of all local residents, young and old. In order to take this project forward, Northamptonshire County Council, which is selling the land and is viewing the scheme very favourably, still needs to be finally persuaded by local Parish Councils, residents and the wider community that it is in NCC’s interest (provision of much needed social care housing) to give the green light to the project. So watch this space for more updates as, it is hoped, the project progresses.

Other

COMMUNICARE

News

Around 30 members of the social group enjoyed their post-Christmas lunch at Yarwell village hall last month – as always a good meal and a wonderful selection of raffle prizes – many thanks to our Treasurer, Gilbert, for organizing this very popular event. The next coffee morning will be on Friday 16th February at the Kings Cliffe Active Sports Hall at 10am. The spring holiday still has limited availability for twin/double rooms - cost £313 per person – 4 nights at The Esplanade Hotel, Scarborough – Monday 28th May 2018. Price includes local pick-up, DB&B, and all coach travel. Anyone interested please contact Clare as soon as possible on 01780 470437 email: superfoguk@aol.com



Police relaunch free message alert system to help keep communities safe – sign up today!

Northamptonshire Police has a free message alert system, to help people living and working in Northamptonshire to be much better informed about crime and police activity in their local area, and help keep their communities safe.

The Northamptonshire Neighbourhood Alert service allows frontline police officers to send alert messages direct from their mobile devices to thousands of local people. They can do this in real-time while they are out and about policing the county.

The alert service is free and simple to activate by registering at www.northamptonshireneighbourhoodalert.co.uk and is available to anyone living or working in Northamptonshire. After signing up to the messaging system, people will receive regular alerts from Northamptonshire Police, Neighbourhood Watch and other partner organisations, keeping them up to date and informed about crime and issues relevant to them and the area where they live or work.

Alerts are received either by email, text message or voice message – whichever suits. People will also be given the option of what they want to receive alerts about, and how often – you will only receive messages about topics that you have selected.

Chief Inspector Lara Alexander-Lloyd said: “Communities play a crucial part in helping us prevent and detect crime and anti-social behaviour. We will be regularly sending out message alerts via the Neighbourhood Alert, appealing for help, highlighting suspicious activity, offering crime prevention advice, and keeping people up to date about general police work and safety events. This messaging tool means we can now do this in real time, with officers sending out alerts while they are out on patrol. This means information is shared really quickly with the public about crime and activity in their own area, helping us to involve and protect the community much more.

“If for example, there has been a spate of distraction burglaries in a particular district or an increase in vehicle crime, we can tell people immediately. We can also very quickly share descriptions of suspects or appeal for witnesses – giving us a greater chance of arrest. More than 10,000 people have already signed up to the alert system and we want many more to register and receive information from us. By working together, we can make the county a safer place to live and work”

Signing up to the messaging service is really simple and quick. The alert system is completely secure and registration is free. To register with Northamptonshire Neighbourhood Alert visit www.Northamptonshireneighbourhoodalert.co.uk.

What's On

Woodnewton Cinema is back!

Advance notice - Our first film of 2018 will be on **24th March 2018** and we will be screening *Me Before You* at the village hall at 7.30pm.

The film is based on the bestselling book by Jojo Moyes and revolves around Louisa “Lou” Clark who lives in a quaint town in the English countryside. With no clear direction in her life, the quirky and creative 26-year-old goes from one job to the next in order to help her tight-knit family make ends meet. Her normally cheery outlook is put to the test when she faces her newest career challenge. Taking a job at the local “castle,” she becomes caregiver and companion to Will Traynor, a wealthy young banker who became wheelchair bound in an accident.

Lou determines to show Will that life is worth living. Embarking together on a series of adventures, both Lou and Will get more than they bargained for, and find their lives—and hearts—changing in ways neither one could have imagined.

Tickets are £5 and are available from Gary 470593. There will be a licenced bar.



Lark Rise in Kings Cliffe.

With ‘Honk’ the musical almost ready for performance and promising to be a great show (tickets available online at kingscliffeplayers.org or the Kings Cliffe shop), the Kings Cliffe Players are turning their thoughts to their next production - ‘Lark Rise’ - a version of the early years of TV’s ‘Lark Rise to Candleford’.

A reading of the play will take place at Kings Cliffe Village Hall on *Sunday 25th February at 3pm*, followed by auditions on *Tuesday 27th February* and *Thursday 1st March*, both in Kings Cliffe Village Hall and both at 7:30pm.

There are parts for men and women, old and young (including 11-14 year olds) reflecting the population of a small hamlet in the 1880s. This is not a traditional play on a stage but something a ‘little bit different’. If you want to be involved in this exciting production in any way, (acting, producing, lighting, front of house, props, costumes, scenery etc.) just come along to the reading and/or either of the auditions, or contact Felicity on 01780 470275 or email ffhistlethwaite@rocketmail.com.



The Village Hall Committee is holding its AGM on Monday 19th February at 8pm.

Please come along to support this important village resource.



We would also like to thank Gigaclear for waiving the charges for their fibre broadband and wifi service for another year. Village Hall users and visitors can take advantage of high speed WiFi by using the sign-on details posted at the Hall.

Nene Valley Railway Events Diary -2018

17-18 March	Open Weekend.. 900 free rides (Yarwell and return) to be given away as part of Peterborough Celebrates!
6-8 April	Diesel Gala
22 April	MG Owners Club visit. 50 MG cars expected at around mid-morning
28-29 April	Travelling Post Office live demonstrations. Rare demonstration of exchange apparatus to and from moving train.
6 May	Tornado and Paddington™ Ride a Steam Train Plus meet Paddington at intervals throughout the day!
5/6/7 May	Tornado Steam Locomotive 10th birthday
20 May	Thomas' big adventure (Thomas' once a year trip to Peterborough and back)
26/27 May	Teddy Express.. Teddy Bears' picnic weekend... Children 10 and under ride half price when accompanied by an adult
9/10 June	Thomas Branch Line
23/24 June	Travelling Post Office live demonstrations. Last chance for 2018 to see rare demonstration of exchange apparatus to and from moving train.
7/8 July	Thomas Branch Line
11/12 August	Thomas Summer Holiday
22/23 September	Thomas Branch Line
12-14 October	Diesel Gala

More details: www.nvr.org.uk Telephone: 01780 784444

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G&S poke fun at the
legal system

Queen Victoria Hall, Oundle at 7:30pm
26th February - 3rd March 2018
Tickets on sale from 22nd January 2018
find out more at
www.oundlegands.org

Tickets will go on sale from the 22 January 2018 – priority tickets for Patrons

First work : Enjoy a trip to Regents Park, London, and visit *The Zoo* where mayhem ensues with a hilarious attempted suicide, blighted love and an assumed identity.

Second work : Meet Messrs D'Oyly Carte, Gilbert and Sullivan, in *If You Want To Know Who We Are* – a light-hearted look at some all-time favourite G&S numbers, plus a glimpse of Oundle G&S at its outset 60 years ago with an original work especially written for this anniversary!

Third work : Witness the case of a breach of promise of marriage in *Trial By Jury* – the famous duo's first success, which pokes fun at the legal system.

A real treat, 'Three shows for the price of one' in this celebratory production!

Queen Victoria Hall, Oundle at 7:30pm

26th February - 3rd March 2018

Tickets from Oundle in Stitches, Market Place, Oundle from the **22 January 2018** - priority tickets for Patrons

Call: 01832 273830 or email: ticketssales@oundlegands.org

For more information please visit the website www.oundlegands.org

Gary's Walk

In January we had an impromptu walk on New Year's Day to Nassington. On 11th January a crack team of intrepid adventurers tackled a very enjoyable if somewhat muddy walk around Barnwell and Armston. We were greeted by Ian at the Montagu Arms where we took advantage of the fine food and beverages available.

This month's walk is on February 24th at will be starting from outside the church in Ketton if you fancy coming along and joining me please meet there at 10.00am.



Friendly donkey, muddy boots & Barnwell Ford boot cleaning.

Woodnewton History Group

As part of our series on the names of residential areas in Woodnewton, the History Group has looked at Pridmore Close, which was built at the end of the 1990s.

In the East Northamptonshire District Local Plan of 1996 Woodnewton was designated an area of "Restricted Infill" for future housing development with the boundary within which "restricted infill" could occur being drawn tightly around the existing settlement. However, unlike other "Restricted Infill" villages Woodnewton was considered a suitable location for a modest allocation of housing; that location being the southern part of the field off Orchard Lane to the north of Orchard Crescent. The site (Site WM1) comprised some 0.76ha and the Plan suggested that it could accommodate up to 15 houses.

An outline planning application for residential development with an estate road on Site WM1 had been submitted in October 1995 by the land owner, Lord Brassey. This proposed that access would be directly off Orchard Lane not through Orchard Crescent. The application was approved in February 1996. A Reserved Matters application for 14 residential units and an estate road off Orchard Lane was submitted by Twigden Homes Ltd in December 1996 and this was approved in April 1997. Building work started in

May 1997 and the 14 houses and road were completed by July 1998.

The Parish Council at the time of the preparation of the District Plan did not oppose the inclusion of Site WM1 for possible future housing development. Nor did it raise objections to the planning application submitted in 1995. It did however seek clarification from the District Council of how the development would affect the accepted boundary of



Woodnewton in terms of any future development. In reply the District Council stated that if the site (WM1) was developed the houses “would form a new boundary for the village, but it would not set a precedent for similar intrusions into the surrounding countryside.”

Pridmore Close remains the most recent housing development of any size in Woodnewton and the District Council’s recently Adopted Development Plan (2016) re-confirms the tightly drawn boundary around the village.

The Close was named after local resident George Thomas (Joe) Pridmore who with his wife Margaret had lived in Sycamore Close before moving into Orchard Crescent when it was built in 1976. Joe was born in 1914. He was a keen allotmenteer and often won prizes at the Woodnewton Flower Show. He was also a member of the Parish Council.

In the 1939 Register Joe is recorded as a Forestry Labourer; Margaret was the school caretaker at one time. Although there are Pridmores recorded as living in Woodnewton in the 19th Century, they were not Joe’s direct ancestors even though Joe himself was born in Woodnewton. Joe died in 2002 and is buried in St Mary’s Churchyard. He could have been the oldest male resident of the village at the time that Pridmore Close was named. In deciding to name the Close after Joe the Parish Council was continuing the tradition of naming new roads after local people. The photograph of Joe next to the road sign was taken when Pridmore Close was named officially.



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We are now based at Leedsgate Farm which is roughly halfway along the Wansford/Kings Cliffe Road, opposite Kings Cliffe Industrial Estate (the old KSR site).

Leedsgate Farm was the communal site for RAF Kings Cliffe/ USAAF Station 367 during WW11. Although we are in a wartime building we can't work out from old maps/plans what the building was used as during the war. After the war I believe the site was used as a chicken farm. We'd love to hear any memories or stories anyone has about the area.

We first started at Stibby Cafe in August 2004 and opened 7 nights a week until the end of October. We shut the weekend of Sat/Sun 30th/31st Oct 2004 when the final part of the Flyover went in crossing the A1 at Stibbington junction. Doesn't time fly!

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Woodnewton Mobile Library

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

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