

WOODNEWTON NEWS

MARCH 2018



It's Panto season - oh yes it is !



News and Reports



Woodnewton Parish Council

Report - February 2018

The Parish Council met on 5th February

Parish Clerk

At the start of the meeting the Council appointed a new Parish Clerk. John Thorpe, who has lived in the village for a number of years has taken on the role. The Council is delighted that John has taken on the role and look forward to working with him to ensure the smooth running of the council and responding to residents concerns and issues.

Planning

One application was considered and returned without objection.

Playground

Council considered the annual independent safety inspection report of the playground. The report identified some areas where maintenance and/or corrective action will be required. Some of these repairs could be done using volunteers, and others by a professional company. In addition, the Council considered the results from its own monthly inspection of the equipment to ensure alignment with the independent report.

Roadside Verges

Residents may have noticed that the increased amount of litter and fly tipping (old tyres) on the verge between the Village and Apethorpe. The Council has contacted ENC about the problem. If anyone witnesses fly tipping, then try and obtain the number plate of the vehicle and report to ENC or the local Police.

Wild Flower Area

Following discussion on the plans for a wild flower area, the Council agreed to defer sowing until the autumn when a perennial mix will be sown. The Council also agreed to use a redundant allotment plot for some annual flower seed which the Council already purchased. The Council will be looking for volunteers to prepare the ground. A good morning would be enough to complete the work if sufficient numbers of people come forward to help.

Audit

The Council has received a report following the 2017 audit. Two small issues arose from the report and the Council agreed the corrective action required.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on **Monday 5th March at 8.00pm.**

Andrew Hansford - Parish Council Chairman

St Mary's Church



March Services

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| 4th March | Sung CW Holy Communion | 9.30am |
| 11th March | Family Communion | 9.30am - Mothering Sunday |
| 18th March | Sung Morning Praise | 9.30am |
| 25th March | Said BCP HC | 8.30am - Palm Sunday |
| 30th March | Stations | 2.00pm - Good Friday |
| 1st April | Sung CW Holy Communion | 9.30am - Easter Day |



Watersmete Benefice Churches in Bloom

Saturday 30 June - Sunday 1 July 2018

Each church has its own them
St Mary's Church
Woodnewton
Is
"At Leisure"

If you would like to arrange flowers, provide foliage, offer props to set the scene or help in any way please contact me; AnnMcLeod :
jamgmc52@gmail.com 01780470973

COMMUNICARE

(Wansford & Kings Cliffe Surgery Patient Group)

A general meeting open to all patients will be held on

Wednesday 7th March 2018 at Wansford Surgery - 12.30pm

Guest Speaker: Dr Sundeep Odedra

Dr Odedra is one of our surgery's GPs and also the local Central Commissioning Group lead on diabetes - he will be speaking about Type 2 Diabetes and the National Diabetes Prevention Programme

Other items on the agenda include surgery news and finance

Theatre Review: Pinocchio

The 2018 Village Panto, Pinocchio, was the first production directed by Hannah Neighbour, who has starred in earlier productions. Set in Tuscany in the Pre Brexit era, Pinocchio was carved as a marionette from an enchanted tree trunk by his loving toy maker Dad, Geppeto. Pinocchio, the wooden top, had dreams of being a real boy. However his propensity to tell lies caused his nose to lengthen. Such an affliction would allow citizens of our noble country to identify disreputable traders and evasive politicians more easily.

The show opened with the arrival of the Gorgeous Blue Fairy. This caused palpitations and builder's cat calls from some members of the audience. Do they know that such behaviour is no longer be tolerated in our country and as such they had participated in an overt act of female harassment?

Costumes, lighting, makeup and the backdrop artwork to the scene changes were quite inspired. Casting was a bit of a problem again this year. Some of the accents were just recognisable as Italian. Estuary English prevailed, the duopoly of Dames, Mesdames Foxy Loxy and Cuddle puss were clearly residents of Oundle with their posh English accents. Dylan, the laid back layabout and a mate of Crocodile Dundee, appeared to be recruited from Walkabout Creek in Western Australia. Stromboli, the villainous travelling fairground owner spoke like the eastern European manager of the local Lidl Store. As for the diction of Ravioli the Italian Sailor, I have criticised this thespian before, it would help if he wore looser fitting Y-fronts which might restore his acting voice to normal pitch.

The chorus, graciously supported by the Woodnewton Orchestra, sang great ditties drawn from the Eurovision Song Book of 1950. The dance routines, choreographed by Anton Du Beke were fabulous, constrained only by the dimensions of the auditorium. In the 1940 movie adaption



of the Story by Disney, Jiminy Cricket was a small grasshopper insect and Pinocchio's conscience. In our Panto version, Jiminy had morphed in to a very large green creature clearly on anabolic steroids. Nevertheless, Jiminy warmed up the audience with great aplomb and earned the affection of our younger theatregoers. The moral of the story was clearly portrayed by the company. Namely, all children



should follow the guidance of parents, never bunk off school, otherwise they will mutate into donkeys. The disobedient can only be saved from their fate by the Gorgeous Blue Fairy. As fairies are in short supply in Woodnewtoo children do not dabble with disobedience.

As a long established and acclaimed theatre critic, I have just two comments on the Panto:

First, in the escape from Pleasure Island, the cast were swallowed by a whale. Their survival only occurred by their ejection from the whale's anatomy via the forward blow hole and the rear intestinal back passage of the submerged mammal. Having watched Sir David Attenborough's Blue Planet I remain unconvinced this method of escape is really credible. Children please do not try this on your next visit to Sea World.

Secondly, It may be time for the Woodnewton Players to embrace technology and enter the Era of Computer Generated Images (CGI), as used extensively in movies like Star Wars. The manufacture of Pinocchio's telescopic lengthening nose from the cardboard/toilet roll insert may no longer be



acceptable in this modern era of theatre production. I encourage the prop team to take note.



Good to see Buttercup in her small walk on part, irrelevant to the story but a local tradition. Her drooping udders seemed in great shape considering her age. The Director, Producers, Cast, the Backroom team, front of house staff must be all be congratulated on a great family show. Your efforts, dedication and commitment are applauded. Oh by the way, the Jokes were excruciatingly awful as expected. Oh yes they were!

WHAT'S ON

Woodnewton Cinema

We shall be screening '*me before you*' on **24th March 2018 at 7.30pm**.

In addition, the White Swan will be putting on a 2 course meal especially for cinemagoers at £12.95 per person.

You will only be able to enjoy the meal before the film if you purchase a ticket in advance from Gary or the White Swan by **19th March 2018**.

Tickets are £5 and are available from Gary 470593 or the White Swan.

Doors open at 7.00pm for tickets sales and pre film refreshments from the licenced bar.



Gary's Walk

This month's walk is on March 31st at will be starting from outside the church in Kingscliffe if you fancy coming along please meet there at 10.00am.

Nene Valley Railway

When it came to doing something for Peterborough Celebrates the 900th Anniversary of Peterborough Cathedral, **Nene Valley Railway** thought that they had better do something really spectacular.

With the theme being '900' the Railway thought...Why not give away 900 free rides?!

The railway will be doing just that, throwing open the carriage doors as part of their open weekend on 17th and 18th March.

Those visiting the Railway's Wansford headquarters will be entitled to free entry to the site plus free ride on the shuttle service to Yarwell station and back.

There will also be free behind the scenes tours of the Loco sheds and signal box and along the Line Overton station (For Ferry Meadows will be throwing its doors open too). It's going to be a fun weekend with plenty for everybody to do.

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Woodnewton, Nassington & Yarwell Twinning News

The villages of Woodnewton, Yarwell and Nassington have been twinning with St André de la Marche in the Vendee, France for nearly 25 years. It is a fantastic way to share our culture, community and develop new friendships. Every other year we host a family or couples for a long weekend and then our French families host us the next year. There's always an opportunity to get involved hosting or helping.

Our twinning weekend will be 10-13th May this year and we're looking forward to our families visiting from St André de La Marche. Our communal evening will take place on Friday 11th May in Nassington church, when all the families come together and we are looking into an optional visit during the day on Saturday 12th May.

Our twinning committee has been revitalised following the sad resignation of Suzanne as chair, but thankfully Suzanne has agreed to stay on the committee for the time being. Your new twinning committee are:-

Wendy Story and Sue Stegman as joint chair

Sophie Grig, secretary, Debbie Clancy and Suzanne Jones.

We are still looking a couple more members, including a treasurer, nothing too onerous a couple of meetings before May and help with making this year's twinning really memorable. Please contact me, if you could help please, either on the committee or helping in another way. We could really do with your help!

If you would like to get involved or find out more about the twinning please contact Wendy at twinning@nassington.org.uk

Woodnewton History Group

WOODNEWTON METHODIST CHAPEL

The Methodist revival began with a group of men, including John Wesley (1703-1791) and his younger brother Charles (1707-1788), as a movement within the Church of England in the 18th century.

The Methodist Chapel in Main Street, was built in 1840, licensed in July and opened on 14 October of that year. It is a rectangular building with a three-bay gabled front elevation. The walls are of coursed rubble with roof of slate and dressings of freestone and brick. Later in the 19th century the front windows were altered, the rear gable wall was rebuilt, and the interior refitted. Reset in the North wall is a stone slab inscribed 'WESLEYAN, CHAPEL ERECTED AD. 1840'.

The Chapel played its part in World War 2. The names of evacuees are recorded in the village school admissions book. They arrived by coach in September 1940 where they assembled in the Chapel School room. The WVS and others helped to place them

with people who had offered to home them.

In the past 50 years the Chapel has gone through a variety of stages but in the 1960s was still an active place of worship. Sunday evening worship was held there regularly throughout the year. Being a simple rectangular building the heating in the winter was provided by means of a pot bellied stove in the aisle.

(not the one there now). To keep the heat circulating it would be vigorously raked during robust singing of a hymn.



One event in the 1970s involved Coco the Clown and Moma Coco (his Wife Valentina) putting on a film show for the village. Coco had a projector and screen and his favourite film was one with the Marx Brothers. The film was being shown in the school room with all the seats taken. The film was about half way through when Coco's assistant noticed that the film was not winding onto the rear spool as it should have been, but was spilling onto the floor in a heap. After a slight panic the film was stopped and the film fed onto the rear spool by hand. While this was going on the audience was catching up on the local gossip with Moma Coco giving out ice creams.

The 1980's saw the building being used for a number of activities; a group of touring players put on a number of performances there which were well attended, Parish Council meetings took place in the Chapel school room at the rear of the building and the last PCC meeting to be held there was on Friday 16th September 1988.

As the congregation steadily declined, it was decided to cease services there and to sell the building. The Chapel was put up for auction in 1989 and purchased by a potter, Rob Bibby. It opened as a Craft Studio in 1991 with Rob, Wood Carver(Glyn Mould), and a Puppet maker and showman (Ken Barnard). In the early stages there were other crafts, Gilder (Anne Swarsbrick), Stencilling (Sarah Coups) and Leatherwork (Les Theedom). Since then it has developed into a busy Mini Arts Centre; the main activity being the pottery together with regular art classes. If you have not yet visited Woodnewton's very own Arts Centre, take the time to do so, it is not to be missed.

Woodnewton Arts and Crafts Show

If you have any arts/crafts or similar items that you are looking to sell, please let me know.

I am looking to arrange a weekend - one or possibly two days depends on interest and inclination. I am aiming to share costs between attendees, so the more that sign up the less the costs. This gives you a chance to showcase your art or crafts and the opportunity to sell.

I am planning a date in May to give the opportunity to complete work and to advertise. If anyone can help with distribution of promotional stuff please let me know, but I need to gauge response to judge if it's viable.

Let me now ASAP dillon91166@hotmail.co.uk or text/call 07740584012

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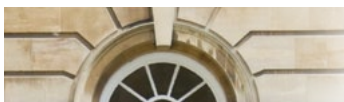
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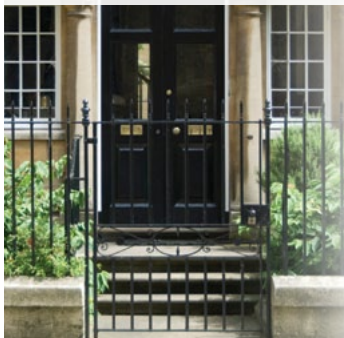
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