

WOODNEWTON NEWS

APRIL 2018



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News and Reports



Parish Council Report – March 2018

The Parish Council met on 5th March

Planning

Four applications were considered and all were returned without objections.

Library service

Council noted the closure of the mobile library service to the village. Residents should be aware that the Oundle Library can provide a delivery service. The library opens Tuesday – Friday 9.00am – 6.00pm and Saturday 10.00am – 2.00pm and can be contacted on oundlib@firstforwellbeing.co.uk

Co-op Bank

The Peterborough branch will be closing on 19th April. Residents affected are able to access Co-op banking services through the Post Office.

Playground

As part of our on-going improvements to the playground equipment, the Council is applying for funding to replace the goal posts and goal nets. The playground, its equipment and surroundings continue to be an area of focus for the Council as it strives to make the area a safe and attractive place for all visitors.


The next Parish Council meeting will be on **Monday 9th April at 8.00pm** at the Village Hall

Andrew Hansford - Parish Council Chairman

Spring Clean-Up

The Spring Clean-up will take place on Saturday 7th April. 10.00am at the Village Hall,

Tasks big and small to suit all ages/fitness levels. This is a great opportunity to join in with your fellow residents and help to keep your village somewhere we can all be proud of. Meet friends new and old. Enjoy home made refreshments. Please bring basic tools/wheelbarrow if possible



St Mary's Church

An invitation from St. Mary's.

After all the recent snowy weather, it is good to look forward to Spring and to our Easter celebrations in church. As the brightness of the daffodils warms our hearts we can gather to give thanks for the light of the resurrection of Jesus that brings us joy and new life. Our beautiful church is so wonderfully decorated for Easter and those of us who can only wonder at the skill of the flower arrangers are so grateful to those who give their time and energy to help us celebrate this season. (Not forgetting all those who make sure the church runs smoothly – more of that in a moment.)

The story of the resurrection shows that no darkness, not even death, can overcome the power and love of God. That power and love is there for us all, whether we attend church regularly or not and whatever we might be facing. Do come and join us for our service at **9.30 a.m. on Easter Day morning** – and yes, there will be chocolate!

Looking ahead, our **annual meeting** takes place in church on **15th April**, and that is a time when we can thank all who support and encourage the life of the church week by week. Services and church life don't just happen and we are always delighted to hear from those who might be able to help the faithful few who work so hard. Could that be you this year? All are warmly invited to the meeting, which follows the **9.30 a.m. service** that day where we will share our thoughts, hopes, plans and concerns for the future of our church here in Woodnewton. We will be using our new Morning Praise service that day, which we hope can offer something for all – whatever age. Why not come and find out what that is all about?

And may Easter blessings fill our lives.

Rev. Jane

April Services

1st April 9.30am	Easter Sunday CW Holy Communion (Easter egg time)
8th April 9.30am	CW Said Holy Communion
15th April	9.30am Morning Praise by the APCM meeting
22nd April	8.30am BCP said Holy Communion
29th April	10.00am Benefice Holy Communion At Thornaugh church



Watersmete Benefice Churches in Bloom

Saturday 30 June - Sunday 1 July 2018

Each church has its own theme

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; Ann McLeod :
jamgmc52@gmail.com 01780 470973

St Mary's Church Flower Rota

I would like to give a big thank you for the time you give and the lovely flowers. You are all much appreciated.

Peggy Bierton

Communicare News

At the general patients' meeting held on 7th March, guest speaker Dr Sundeep Odedra chaired a discussion on Type 1 & 2 Diabetes. Many attendees suffered from the condition and raised questions relating to symptoms, diet and self management. Increasing numbers of people are developing the condition partially due to lifestyle choices and 10% of the health budget is taken up with treatment of diabetes and its associated complications. There are 3.5 million people in the UK affected by diabetes with an annual estimated increase of 200,000. Type 1 tends to affect younger people and is often due to genetics and numbers are relatively static. Type 2 is typically found in older age groups where obesity contributes to the alarming increase in numbers but obesity is also a trigger for the increasing instances in children.

Maintaining good health and fitness are important in avoiding or delaying the onset of Type 2. Diet and exercise are the key and the earlier in life a better regime is adopted the better. While research may in time result in better solutions there is currently no sign of a cure. Dr Odedra encouraged all patients to seek early advice if they showed any symptoms as it was often possible to halt the onset of the disease by changes to diet and life routines.

Dr Takhar gave an update on the new project at Kings Cliffe. Unfortunate news had just been received that, due to the financial situation, Northamptonshire County Council had decided that the KC site has to be placed on the open market. Negotiations had been ongoing with the Council but, although all parties were strongly in favour of the project, no preferential treatment could be given and transparency was paramount in the outcome. Drs Takhar and Nally have been attending various local village parish council meetings to give presentations on the project.

Dr Takhar confirmed that discussions were taking place with Peterborough City Hospital regarding the proposed development at Wansford surgery to identify the type of service the unit would provide. This is likely to be post-operative recovery.

Wendy Spencer

Walking for Health - Nassington

Walking for Health is England's largest network of health walk schemes, Run by the Ramblers and Macmillan Cancer Support, the scheme has helped thousands of people discover the benefits of regular group walks.

The walks are led by specially trained volunteers and are completely free. Walks are open to anyone but are designed for people who are inactive or suffering from a long term health condition. They are not cross country hikes; they aren't competitive or timed and they certainly aren't fitness training sessions. Instead they are at a pace that works for you, over a distance you are comfortable with. What's more, they are a great way of making new friends and they always start / end somewhere where you can have a well-deserved cuppa!

Nassington has just become the latest place to gain its own walk under the banner of Walking for Health. So dust off those sensible shoes and get in touch with Robert Phipps (01780 782558) to find out more. Don't worry about not being fit enough - we want everyone to take part!

If you're still not sure it's right for you, check out the website <http://walkingforhealth.org.uk> where you can see for yourself how thousands of people across the country are benefitting from being more active.

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Our trained Mobile Information Officer Malcolm Greenway can demonstrate and advise on a variety of aids and equipment designed to make life a little easier, such as talking watches, low vision aids, big button telephones and lighting.

To find out when it will be in a town near you call us on our **Helpline: 01604 719193** or visit **www.nab.org.uk**

Fri 20th April - 10.00am - 1.00pm
Corby Town Centre
Close to Corby Cube, George Street



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www.nab.org.uk



East Northants North Joint Action Group - Extract

Car Crime in the Sulehay Woods area

The Police were pleased to report that the perpetrators of these crimes had been caught and charged and no further incidents had been noted.

Hare Coursing

There have been fewer reports of hare coursing in our area this winter so far, partly due to local farmers having taken preventative measures, i.e. blocking entrances to fields. However, Operation Galileo, the cross-border policing initiative, was still in operation as the problem continues in neighbouring counties.

Drugs

Police and Community Safety Partnerships have set up a project group to monitor what is currently perceived to be a minor drugs problem in Oundle and would report back to future meetings.

'Nottingham Knockers'

There are still occasional reports of people, purporting to be ex-prisoners, going from door to door selling dusters etc. The public is reminded that this is an offence, even if they show you what they say is a hawkers licence. Please call the Police if these 'Nottingham Knockers' are seen in your area.

Highways

After prolonged weekend and evening disruption to local roads, the work to improve road surfaces was finally completed just before Christmas and the improvements are much appreciated. The second phase begins on 9th February and will run for approximately two months.

Information regarding this and the gritting of roads can be found on the Council website.

WHAT'S ON

Yarwell & Nassington Britannia Band **The Dragon is Back!**

**St George's Day
Concert**

Nassington Church
Friday 20th April 2018

7.45pm

Doors open for Pre-Concert Drinks at 7.00pm

Bar & Raffle



Tickets: £8.00. Available from Band Members, Moulds Butchers, Nassington Stores, InStep Foot Clinic 01780 783982, Oundle Box Office www.oundleboxoffice.com 01832 274734

Gary's Walks

February Walk

We met outside the church in Ketton on a cold but sunny morning. Gary led us around the quarries of Ketton with spectacular views of the cement works! Afterwards some refreshment in the Railway Hotel.
Colin



Gary's next walk will be on Saturday 7th April from The Finch's Arms at Hambleton LE15 8TL. If you are interested in walking around the peninsula please meet there at 10.00am.

Nene Valley Railway

If you went down to the woods on the days previously published for the Nene Valley Railway's teddy Express trains, you would find it suspiciously quiet. That's because the cuddly little fellows have moved their annual fun and games from May when it might be a bit chilly, to 22nd and 23rd August when it's warm and sunny and they can keep their fur nice and dry.

Further details nearer the date.

Nene Valley Railway - Wansford Station - Stibbington - Peterborough - PE8 6LR

T: 01780 784444 www.nvr.org.uk

On the Plot - Almost

During the coming few months the Parish Council have decided that we should develop a small area of the playing field into a wildflower meadow. The area chosen is that under the trees that were planted a few years ago in the top left hand corner of the field, immediately next to allotment plots. The aim is to improve that area for the benefit of the village and also to make an area that should be especially attractive to birds, insects and wildlife in general.



The area measures about 20m x 13m and is roughly rectangular. It is planned to sow the whole plot and to also to make a winding pathway through it, thus allowing access for everyone to be able to see things close at hand. We have been in regular contact with a company called Pictorial Meadows, based in Sheffield and have been given much helpful advice by them. It has been agreed that we will sow a perennial wildflower mix in the autumn which means that once established, reseeding annually will not be necessary.

During the next few months we intend to hire a turf cutter and remove the turf from the area concerned. The exposed soil will then be roughly cultivated but left bare. Over the summer and early autumn pernicious weeds that appear and that might easily out-compete our sowings will be removed so that by the time we are ready to sow the mix, we should have a relatively clean site.



We should be able to sow the area in late October and it will probably be a good idea to place temporarily around the site a low fence to protect what has been done. We will remove this as soon as the plants get reasonably well established.

I hope that the preparation, sowing and eventual maintenance of the area will be an enjoyable undertaking. There will obviously be quite an intensive period of work getting the site prepared and sown and I am hoping that there will be some willing to volunteer to help with this. I plan to provide updates in my usual column and so if you feel you might like to help out that will be the place to look to check on arrangements.

I can already hear the weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth as my usual offering ofadvice and handy tipsis missing at a very busy time of year on the plot. Just gear up ready for next month and, like me, try to...

Dodge the Flak

Woodnewton Arts and Crafts Show

The date for the craft and art fayre in the village is Saturday and Sunday 2nd and 3rd June.

If you would like to display and sell any art or craft work, then please let me know ASAP.

Location is Woodnewton Village Hall.

We plan to have some refreshments for afternoon tea with teas, cakes and nibbles.

If you would like to show your work I'll need to know which days you will be there;

Saturday, Sunday or both and what type of things you will be selling

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

Dillon

Woodnewton Players : AGM

Woodnewton Players will hold their Annual General Meeting at the Village Hall on 26th April at 7:30pm. Everyone is welcome to come along. It could be your opportunity to become a star of stage and screen!

I am sure that you will agree that the photos of the pantomime livened up last month's issue of Woodnewton News. Unfortunately due to brain fade your Editor failed to mention that all these pictures were taken by David Townshend. A grovelling apology to David for failing to include an acknowledgement.

Galleries of the two rehearsals are available on the Woodnewton Hub.
<http://woodnewtonhub.co.uk/pinocchio-gallery-1/>



The Village Hall Committee is **still** looking for a volunteer to take on the role of the Bookings Clerk for the Village Hall. It's an important job but shouldn't take too much of your time and it will give you a warm feeling inside knowing that you are helping to keep our village hall running smoothly.

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Booking essential

April - Quotations

April hath put a spirit of youth in everything.

William Shakespeare

Oh to be in England now that April's there.

Robert Browning

The first of April is the day we remember what we are the other 364 days of the year.

Mark Twain

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Neighbourhood Watch	woodnewtonnw@googlemail.com
Police	101 (non emergency report, suspicious behaviour and enquiries)
Doctors Surgeries	Oundle 01832 275375 Wansford 01780 782342
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