

WOODNEWTON NEWS

MAY 2018



News and Reports

Woodnewton Parish Council

Parish Council Report – April 2018

The Parish Council met on 9th April.

Planning

One application was considered. After careful consideration Council returned the application, raising objections to the change of use and to development outside of the settlement boundary.

Street lighting

Council considered a report circulated by Cllr Blackmore on the potential benefits (energy costs and savings on the repair/maintenance contract) arising from upgrading street lighting in the Village to LED lamp units. Following a joint visit to Harringworth (a village that has recently upgraded to LED lighting) Councillors concluded that the benefits to Woodnewton were worth further investigation, especially as the current street light were slowly becoming obsolete and therefore repair costs were rising significantly.

It was agreed that: Cllr Blackmore approach E.On to undertake a survey and then provide a quote for the switch of the Village street lights to 100%LED, and, the Clerk to carry out an investigation into the funding options with SALIX and other potential funders to provide an accurate set of costs/benefits/funding options for consideration at a future meeting of the Council. This decision would be reported in the next edition of the Newsletter and E.On would be asked if there could provide general information for display/distribution at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Emergency Village Plan

In view of this winter's prolonged cold and snow the Council reviewed decision taken by the Council some years ago to not have a formal Emergency Plan for the Village. The Council again decided that this was not required. Woodnewton is a small close-knit community who would all help neighbours, friends, the elderly, infirm or disabled in times of need without the Council being involved.

Accounts

The Clerk presented the 2017/2018 Accounts. These showed that it had carried forward £25,911 from 2016/2017 and during the year 2017/2018 it had paid out £49,564 and received £33,979 leaving a balance of £10,326 to carry forward to next year.

Annual Parish Meeting

The meeting will be held on 24th May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Please come along and talk to us about your ideas for the village and what you would like to see your Parish Council focus on in the next 12 months.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 9th May at 8.00pm

Andrew Hansford - Parish Council Chairman

St Mary's Church

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The annual parish meeting was held after the 9.30 am., service on Sunday, 15th April. Eleven members of the congregation stayed on for this meeting. Marilyn Jenner did not seek re-election as Church Warden and as there had been no new nominations, the position was left vacant. John Miley, Alan Midgely, Joyce Broadbent and Andrew Hansford were re-elected onto the PCC and Amanda Forest joined them.

FLOWER FESTIVAL - 30TH June & 1st July

Ann McLeod, (470973) in the past issue of this Newsletter, asked for any foliage from your garden, which would be greatly appreciated, but I am now asking if anybody would like to sponsor any of the flower displays? Fifteen displays of varying sizes will be staged by village and visiting flower arrangers.

Making a donation in *memory* is a wonderful way to remember a *loved one*. Marilyn Jenner (470758) of 5 Orchard Lane (St Mary's Flower Festival chairman) would be very happy to receive any monies, whether it's just cash from your pocket or a cheque (made payable to St Mary's PCC). A programme will be produced showing the sponsor's name (if agreed). This picture shows a display from the 2014 Anniversaries and Celebrations Festival that received a donation of £40.



FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S

The team met during April to finalise fundraising events for 2018. As previously mentioned, the Flower Festival takes place at the end of June and the next one will be the church on Sunday, 26th August from 2.00 pm (details later). In October it is hoped that the village hall will be the venue for a Race Night and finally on 10th November, a different type of musical evening is planned.

May Services

6th May	9.30am	Sung CW Holy Communion
13th May	9.30am	Said CW Holy Communion
20th May	9.30am	Sung Morning Praise
27th May	8.30am	Said BCP Holy Communion

WHAT'S ON

Classical Music Lovers

A few classical music lovers are meeting once a month to play about an hour of their favourite music and enjoy a glass of wine or a cup of what turns you on.

It's a very informal session, and we all get to hear music which we know and love, and also the chance to be introduced to new repertoire, which we may or may not like - but that's life!

If you are interested please contact Geoffrey: geoffrey.brian.dannell@gmail.com

Gary's Walks

This month's walk is on May 19th and will be starting from outside the Courtyard shop at Burghley House, Stamford and will finish at the Orangery for drinks. If you fancy coming along please meet there at 10.00am.

Woodnewton Cinema

Prior to the film on 24th March a number of cinemagoers started the evening with a 2-course meal at the White Swan. Many thanks to Will and Jason for arranging the pre- cinema meal. Those who attended enjoyed the film and a chance to catch up with other villagers before and afterwards with the benefit of the licenced bar. Prior to the main feature there was a screening of trailers and a survey to decide future screenings.

I am pleased to announce that the next film will be **'The Greatest Showman'** and is likely to be in September. Please keep an eye on Woodnewton News for the actual date.

We look forward to seeing you at the next cinema night.



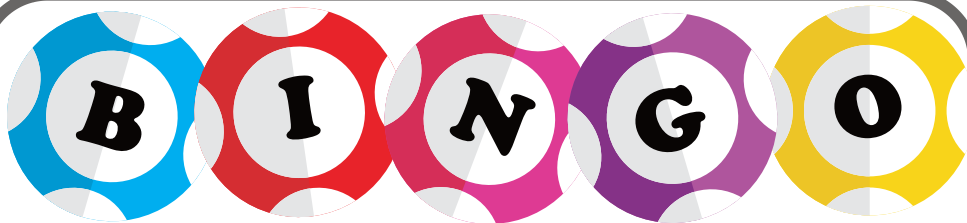
Afternoon Tea - Save the Date

Many of you would have watched the recent 'Stand up to Cancer' Great British Bake Off. As a result of the programme Hannah Bradbury and Georgia Evans have been inspired to raise money together for Cancer Research.

Hannah will be providing afternoon teas and Georgia will be entertaining those who attend with her repertoire of songs.

The event will be on Sunday 29th July and further details will be available in next the issue of Woodnewton News.

WHAT'S ON 2



Sat May 19
Village Hall

Doors 7.00pm

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On the Plot

Looking back over my contributions for the last year or so, I realise that I hardly ever fail to refer to the weather. I suppose that is not as bad as at first it might seem, because so much of what we do in our gardens depends upon it. Perhaps therefore I might feel reasonably justified in awarding more time to it now.

As I write, this April must have been one of the wettest, coldest and most depressing that I can recall. Everyone has been lamenting the fact that there is little hope of planting or sowing outside. No doubt things will improve and, as usual, crops will adjust and catch up. However, it does mean that good many jobs will need to be concentrated into days rather than into weeks.

Unsurprisingly, weeds have managed to grow, albeit slowly. My suggestion is that removing them must be a high priority. It is far better to hoe weeds off before they grow to any size. Certainly get rid of perennial weeds quickly, root and all, before they establish. This is particularly important around fruit, asparagus and other plantings that will not happily tolerate soil disturbance. The problem has been that in order to hoe successfully, dry weather is needed. Hopefully all the wet will be a distant memory by the time that you read this.

I always think that May is usually one of the loveliest months of the year. However, the threat of night frosts is never far away and I urge you to be ready to protect potato tops and other frost - prone subjects. Ridging potatoes until the tops are covered with soil works well until the plants get too big. After that fleece can help, although I find that where it is in contact with leaves frosting often occurs. Whatever, frosted potato foliage usually recovers in time, you just get a later crop than would otherwise have been the case.

The flowers of fruit are particularly prone to damage. For example, I have never bothered to protect my gooseberries from frost but that has changed since I realised that less than wonderful cropping was due to flower drop after frost and not the birds that I had perviously blamed. Never-the-less, birds do like to eat many of the berry fruits, so do make sure that you have your defences ready when the time comes, early or late!

Many of us are enjoying lovely young rhubarb right now. Instead of disposing of the leaves I suggest that you might place them in a covered container of water. Over time the smell will be quite awful, (hence the cover), but the resulting liquid can be very effective in deterring butterflies from laying eggs on your brassicas if you water it over the plants. It will not affect the eating quality of your crop, but long after all traces of the smell have disappeared for us, the butterflies will continue to be deterred.

Does it work against rabbits, you ask? We can but hope!

Enjoy all the warmth and sunshine.....

Dodge the Flak

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Spring Clean-Up

The village spring clean-up took place on 7th April. A motley crew of willing volunteers met at the Village Hall and was despatched to different parts of the village to tackle a number of tasks including: preparing allotment ground for the new wild flower area, cleaning ivy off the church wall, edging churchyard paths, litter picking and clearing the brambles at the top of the playing field. After a few hours of work the team was rewarded with a wonderful and delicious selection of homemade cakes with tea and coffee served up by Eunice

Williams and Auntie.

Keep your eye on Woodnewton News for the date of the Autumn Clean Up. You too could join us to keep the village looking good and enjoy some guilt-free cakes. Many thanks from the Parish Council to all those who helped.



Woodnewton History Group

ALLOTMENTS OFF ORCHARD LANE

In 1919 the ownership of a field known as Sand Holes, located to the north of Orchard Lane (then called Back Lane) was transferred, subject to conditions on its present and future use, from Henry Leonard Campbell Brassey of Apethorpe Hall to the Woodnewton Parish Council. The field comprised 5.96 acres and its use at the time was stated as being allotment ground. This indicates that the field was being used as allotments while still in the ownership of Lord Brassey – possibly to help on the “home front” during the First World War. As the name of the field suggests, there was a large disused sand pit on site located where the children’s playground is currently situated.

In November 1919 the Parish Council approved the terms of the conveyance of the land and the Parish Clerk offered to do the work of letting the plots and collecting the rents on behalf of the Council. He asked for an increase in salary of £2/10s/0d (£2.50) per annum to do this additional work but the Parish Council did not accept this offer and decided to undertake the work itself. In December 1919 however, the Council changed its mind and approved an increase in the Clerk’s salary of £2/10s/0d pa. The rents were also set at that time at 5/- (25p) pa for an allotment and 2/6p (12.5p) p.a. for a pig sty. These rents were to be paid in advance each year on the first Monday in February (paid at the School Room) and non-payment at that date would render the allotment vacant. No allotment could be sub-let, and all had to be kept in a state of cultivation acceptable to the Council.



The possible existing use of the land as allotments prior to the sale together with the building of new houses in the village by Lord Brassey in New Road (now called St Mary’s Hill) may have prompted the sale of the land to the Parish Council. Further research needs to be undertaken

...ALLOTMENTS OFF ORCHARD LANE

by the History Group into the early history of the allotment site and the relationship between Lord Brassey, the occupants of the new houses in New Road and the take-up of the allotment tenancies. It is known for example that the occupants of the new houses in New Road had the first option for renting the pig sties.

A few interesting facts have been uncovered about how the site has developed over the past 100 years. In 1930 the Council received a report on the bad state of the fencing around the site, while in 1932 there were concerns about rubbish being dumped on certain allotment plots. A year later five plots had their rents reduced from 5/- to 3/- pa. No doubt the years of the Second

World War saw increased horticultural activity on the site but by 1947 the state of the fencing was once again raised at a meeting of the Parish Council.



In 1961 the Council considered providing a water supply to the plots, but this was turned down because it would have required a considerable increase in rents from the plot-holders to pay for its installation. Water was not in fact supplied to the site until the mid-1980s when two taps were installed. A further two taps were put in more recently. In 1966 damage to the fencing was again reported. However, in February 1967 all the allotment plots were let at 6s/6d pa each and there were five fowl runs at 2s/6d pa each. Of interest here is the 1s/6d (7.5p) pa increase in rent over the 48 years since 1919 and the lack of any mention of the pig sties as a source of income.

The pig sties had fallen out of use and into disrepair over the years and by 1980 they were dangerous and children from the village were often seen climbing over the crumbling structures. In 1980/1981 a project was undertaken to demolish the sties using, as labourers, boys from the Approved School at Apethorpe Hall. The site of the sties can still be seen, however, as a concrete strip running between plots 20 and 21. Even though there were no pigs on site, there is mention of a plot-holder being allowed to keep a goat in the mid-1980s, but he was a Parish Councillor so perhaps it's best to move on quickly!

Not all of Sand Holes has been used for allotments as they are known today and in 1970/71 the Parish Council approached the then Lord Brassey seeking permission to vary the terms of the 1919 sale agreement to allow the relocation of the playing field from Lindsey Field (now Lindsey Close) to the unused part of the field. Later still the children's playground was developed on site, and later still in 1992 the Village Hall was built.

Nevertheless, interest in allotments increased in the 1990s and 2000s and in 2008 there were eight people on the waiting list, some having been on it for over 2 years. In 2018 all the allotments are let and there is no-one on the waiting list. Rents are £12pa per plot, only two plot-holders keep chickens and there is not a pig or a goat in sight.

Research has identified several village "characters" and their sometimes dubious activities on the allotment site. The lack of space prevents telling their stories here and now. As more information is collected these stories may be made available in a separate article together with those of the present day "characters" that undoubtedly exist.



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