

WOODNEWTON NEWS

JUNE 2018



Churches in Bloom

Flower Festival
Nassington
Wansford
Woodnewton
Yarwell

**Saturday 30 June &
Sunday 1st July**
**12.00 noon to
5.00pm**

News and Reports

Woodnewton Parish Council

Parish Council Report – May 2018

Roles

As is customary at the May meeting the Chair and Vice Chair are elected and roles and responsibilities are agreed.

Chairman: Andrew Hansford, **Vice Chairman:** Liz Holland.

Areas of Responsibility for Councillors as follows:

Cllr Roger Flack : Allotments, Neighbourhood Watch Liaison and Rights of Way.

Cllr Liz Holland : Cemetery and Financial Review.

Cllr Paul Blackmore : Street Lights, Highways & Pavements and Playground.

Cllr Andrew Hansford : Grass & Village Maintenance and Minutes to Newsletter.

Cllr Russ Jenner : Churchyard and Trees.

Cllr Alex Neville : Planning Applications, Police Liaison and Newsletter.

Planning

One application was considered. Council returned the application with no objections.

Playground

A contractor to fit the new goal posts has not yet been found. The application for a grant towards the costs would start when all the costs of the project were known.

Wild Flower Meadow

The seeds on the first area of wild flowers sown at the Clean-Up day have begun to germinate.

The Council considered in greater detail its plan for a second larger area for wild flowers.

After taking advice from the RHS and Natural England, the Council decided not to plant a hedge or erect any type of barrier around the plot, but to minimise the risk of seeds blowing onto neighbouring allotment plots by not sowing varieties with air-borne seeds.

Churchyard

Council has received permission to remove the three small overhanging trees along the roadside wall. The Contractor will also remove the debris of the tree that blew down in the winter. The Council agreed not to replace the trees in the Churchyard because of the proximity of graves and the potential damage to the wall in the future, but instead to continue to plant trees elsewhere in the Village.

Annual Audit

The annual independent audit has been completed and all policies and accounts have been inspected and approved.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 4th June at 8.00pm at the Village Hall.

Andrew Hansford - Parish Council Chairman

St Mary's Church



At our Annual Meeting in April Marilyn Jenner stood down from her post as church warden after a number of years of faithful and diligent service. The church community and all who have contact with the church are most grateful for all she has done and as vicar, I am extremely thankful for Marilyn's support since my arrival here. Marilyn served as warden during the clergy vacancy which always involves additional responsibilities. Through-out her time of service she has undertaken many duties not usually part of a warden's responsibilities. Fortunately Marilyn is still very much part of our church life and is continuing to focus on fund-raising for our exciting new building project. Thank you Marilyn and may God bless you.

Huge thanks must also go to those who have been elected to our Church Council to serve through this year – thank you all!

June Services

3rd June 9.30 a.m.	Sung Holy Communion (Modern language)
10th June 9.30 a.m.	Said Holy Communion (Modern language)
17th June 9.30 a.m.	Sung Morning Praise for all the family
24th June 9.30 a.m.	Said Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

Churches in Bloom Flower Festival

As the front cover of this issue says, Churches in Bloom takes place on 30th June and 1st July in St Mary's and in 3 of our neighbouring churches. Opening times are shown on the cover. Admission is only £5 and includes entry to all 4 churches. Under-16s go free.

Tea and cakes will be served in Nassington Village Hall and Woodnewton Church.

There is a celebratory **Churches in Bloom Evensong** at **6.00pm** in **Nassington Church** on Sunday 1st July.

If you still want to make a donation towards the cost of the flowers in memory of a loved one, Marilyn Jenner, on behalf of the PCC would be very happy to receive any monies up to a week before the Festival.

Concert at St Mary's Church, Woodnewton 7.00pm Saturday 30th June

As part of the festival weekend St Mary's Church is pleased to be presenting an evening of ***Musicals 'n' Marches*** by the talented Peterborough musician, Richard Hutchinson. This concert will feature the brand new world class Yamaha Genos keyboards, using lots of special effects. Not only will you be able to look at the flower arrangements but listen to a musical spectacular. These concerts are totally unique and no one in the UK is doing the same thing.

Tickets at £5 per person are available from **Anne & Henry Galloway:**
henry.galloway@btinternet.com.

Refreshments will be available at the concert.

WHAT'S ON

Woodnewton Cinema

Further to last month's newsletter we can now confirm that we shall be screening **'The Greatest Showman'** on September 8th. There will be a licenced bar for pre- and post film drinks.

For your information we also hope to screen **'Finding your Feet'** later in the year, keep an eye on future newsletters for details of cinema dates and ticket details.

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

Gary's Walk

This month's walk is on June 30th at will be starting from the Green, Exton. Please meet outside The Fox and Hounds LE15 8AP at 10.00am if you wish to join me on a circular walk around the village.



Afternoon Tea

As you are aware from last month's newsletter Hannah Bradbury and Georgia Evans are joining together to raise money for **Cancer Research** by putting on an afternoon tea with music at the village hall on **Sunday 29th July** from 3pm.

Tickets are £7.50 each and are available from Gary on 470593 from Monday 1st June. I do hope that you be able to support this worthwhile event.

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Oundle Gilbert & Sullivan Players
Summer Concert

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'Goldfinger' **RAINBOW** *'Evergreen'*

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WHAT'S ON 3

150 years of Wedding Dresses on Display in Cotterstock

Wedding dresses dating from 1870 to the present day will be exhibited in **St Andrew's Church, Cotterstock PE8 5HD** on **Saturday 30th June** and **Sunday 1st July** from **11.00-5.00 p.m.**

Many of the 25 gowns on show were worn by villagers, friends or family and will be displayed with veils and bridal paraphernalia. They tell a story of the changing bridal fashions and the way these were influenced by events. One dress was worn by Emma who wed James in 1908. He was killed at the Battle of the Somme in 1916.

There will be a display of antique wedding jewellery including a garnet necklace and ring worn by a bride in 1865, and a diamond ring in the style of Meghan Markle's kindly loaned by Nigel Hill of Harpur's of Oundle.

The church will be decorated with beautiful floral wedding arrangements with some bridal bouquets replicated from wedding photographs, they chart the changing trends in bridal flowers.

There will be a display of Royal Wedding commemoratives, some Victorian Royal Wedding order of services, early entries in the Church register and a video presentation on weddings through the ages too.

Admission is **£5** which includes a complimentary soft drink; additional homemade cakes and refreshments will be served in **Cotterstock Village Hall.**



Who let the men out?

An new venture by the churches of our group is starting soon for any men who would like to come along, whether connected to the church or not. A chance for men from our local villages - Apethorpe, Woodnewton, Nassington, Yarwell, Wansford and Thornhaugh - to meet and socialise over a tasty breakfast.

Saturday June 16th 8.30am – 10.00am **Queens Head Hotel, Nassington PE8 6QB**

With the busy lives and pressure from long work hours, it is rare for men from the villages to ever meet in a relaxed and informal way. Gather round a big table for tasty bacon sandwiches with tea and coffee for informal introductions to make new contacts, find out about local villages, establish communication and networking. The event is specifically timed to minimise disruption to a weekend and follows on from successful events like this in towns and villages around the UK. Meetings will be held about every 2-3 months and are intended primarily to make new friends and support each other and to develop ideas to help our local communities. Development from these events are entirely directed by suggestions of attendees so this is your chance to be in at the start, join in the fun, invite a neighbour or friend to come and possibly make a real contribution to your community in a relaxed and informal way.

RSVP to help cater with approximate numbers or for any queries please contact volunteer coordinator **Ian Scott** from Yarwell : mensbreakfast@btconnect.com

COMMUNICARE

(Wansford & Kings Cliffe Surgery Patient Group)

A general meeting open to all patients

Wednesday 6th June 2018 at Wansford Surgery – 6.30pm

Guest Speaker Subject: 'Walking for Health'

East Northants Council are promoting Healthy and Active Lifestyles within their Leisure Services Contract, which is operated by Freedom Leisure and are now organising weekly walks led by volunteers around the local areas adjacent to both surgeries.

The guest speaker will be giving full details of this new activity, promoting the benefits of taking part and answering patients' questions. Other items on the agenda include surgery news and finance.

David and Liz Foley kindly donated £20 to the News from the proceeds of their Garage Sale. Thanks and best wishes for your adventures north of the border.

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Woodnewton History Group

Robert Bibby our village Potter was born in Doncaster in 1945. He first became interested in pottery and art whilst at Wennington School, Yorkshire in 1956 eventually going onto further education between 1964/65 at Leeds College of Art. Robert then studied Art at Cardiff College between 1965/68 before finishing his education with an Art Teacher Training Course at Hornsey College.

After finally finishing education and training he moved to Toronto Canada for what we would now call a 'gap year'. He did casual work to earn money and lived in a community who told him that there was an old potter's wheel in the basement. So, providing himself with clay he took the wheel back to his room and started producing large pots. This in itself confirmed in his mind that his future lay in pottery, ceramics and teaching.

Returning to the U.K., in 1971 Robert taught ceramics and pottery at Stanground School, Peterborough where he stayed until 1975. It was during these years that a friend had found an old farm house in the South of France and suggested that

several of them club together and buy it but this seemed to get too complicated and Robert's father bought it outright. So from 1975/1981 Robert moved into what was a dilapidated farm house with no electricity or water and proceeded to renovate this whilst enjoying the "good life". He made an income from working in the vineyards until he had time to begin his pottery and building his own makeshift kiln out of fire bricks (digging up the necessary clay) and constructing his "stick wheel" out of car parts, a tractor tyre and concrete – a design used by early potters. Out of interest you can see Robert using his "stick wheel" on "You Tube" or see a similar one he has built in his studio.



Although Robert visited the U.K., during this time he eventually decided to return for good and lived in Whittlesey between 1981/1988 continuing with his pottery. He was now selling at craft fairs, American Air Bases and other venues including Peterborough Bridge Street Market where he was appointed Chairman of the Street Market Committee. During this time he was also a supply teacher and teaching at Peterborough Regional College.

In 1988 he moved to Kings Cliffe and looked around for suitable premises to use as a Gallery and Pottery and it was by chance that whilst exhibiting at Lilford Park that an Estate Agent told him about Woodnewton Methodist Church. Having viewed the property he decided that it was exactly what he wanted and bought it in 1989 with help from COSIRA and a renovation grant. He eventually opened properly in January 1991 and initially shared the building with other artisans – a wood carver, a puppet maker, a gilder, a stenciller, a furniture renovator and a leather worker but in 1997 Robert decided to expand using the whole building for his own use so that he could hold teaching classes.

Now, Robert still holds classes for everyone and once again shares the building with The Art Group, another potter and a clay worker. When he first started making name plaques these became his main product and they are so popular that many have been sold all over the world. He continues to sell his own pottery and ceramics and displays at exhibitions all over the country from local venues to London.

Lost the Plot

On 19th May many of us were glued to our TV sets to watch the latest Royal Wedding. I imagine as many watched the coverage or clips of it on other screens: laptops, phones or tablets. It made me think about an earlier Royal wedding, the one when Harry's mum married the current heir to the throne. If you wanted to see it and were not well connected enough to be at St Paul's, you had to watch it on the only available screen - a good old analogue Television. In my home in 1981 I seem to remember we had a couple of TVs, a "big" 26 inch colour Philips with no remote control in the living room and a tiny 9 inch black and white portable which I had in my room. Most of the time this was connected to an Acorn Atom home computer. Those were the only two screens in the house and you could watch one of three channels on each and play rudimentary space invaders on one of them.

How many screens do you have in your house now? A couple of TVs maybe? Today a 40 inch set is considered small, 60 inch screens are not uncommon. A mobile phone for everyone in the house? A tablet or two and maybe one or more laptop or desktop computers. In some homes the screen count can reach double figures. You could have watched the Royal nuptials on any of these and you did not need to be on the sofa or even in the house. Back in 1981 we only had the choice of TV signal via an aerial, no satellite, no cable, no WiFi and no mobile networks. If you missed it live, you missed it. Even if you had the foresight to record it using a Video Cassette Recorder you could get a maximum of 2 hours because the tape would run out. No catch up TV apps, no digital recorder boxes. What simple times.

So what about the next generation Royal Wedding? How will we experience Prince George's wedding in 20 or so years? Maybe we can be almost present with 3D virtual reality? You will be able to choose your own viewpoint, the father of the bride, the groom's eye view, the Archbishop of Canterbury, one of the choirboys, the view from one of thousands of Alexa controlled micro drones hovering silently in the air in Westminster Abbey. Sounds far fetched? But who would have predicted in 1981 that we would have the choice we have in 2018? There will still be bunting though.

The Grumpy Geek
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We watched on a Chromecast connected screen in the Village Hall using the WiFi while we prepared for the Bingo!



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4th - 10th June

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Thursday 7th June: 3D seamless wet felt making suitable for beginners, learn the techniques to create either a small purse, makeup bag, trinket bowl, phone case, sunglasses/spec case using a range of beautiful merino wool fibres.

Time: 2.00 - 4.30pm

Cost: £20.00 per person

Friday 8th June: Silk fibre votives. Work with dyed or natural mulberry silk to create a range of beautiful translucent silk votives complete with their own battery candles.

Time: 2.00 - 4.00 pm

Cost: £20.00 per person