

# **WOODNEWTON NEWS**

*JULY 2018*



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# News and Reports



## Woodnewton Parish Council

### Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on 24th May. The Annual Meeting is where the Parish Council reports back to residents on its activities over the previous 12 months. This year we were also joined by our local Government representatives, Cllr. Annabel De Capell Brooke (ENC) and Cllr. Heather Smith (NCC). Given all the funding problems faced by NCC, this was a great opportunity to hear first hand the potential effects on our village as all but essential services are reduced. Heather also outlined the likely imposition of a plan to abolish all tiers of local Government in the County and replace it with 2 Unitary Authorities. Woodnewton (currently under ENC) is likely to be absorbed into a larger group of East Northants Council, Corby Borough, Wellingborough Council and Kettering Borough Council.

Residents attended also took the chance to hear and give their view on the plans for the new street lights in the Village. A summary of the plan was provided and a demonstration of the lights that may be installed. The Parish Council has not yet taken a final decision on whether to proceed as it depends on funding options and a successful grant application.

The other area for discussion on the night was the future of the Call Connect bus. Funding for the bus is being stopped by NCC because of their lack of money. There is a plan to push funding the service onto Parish Councils. A long discussion was held, and many residents gave their views on the importance of the service provided by Call Connect which gives independence to so many, especially the elderly, infirm and disabled.

### Parish Council Report – June 2018

The Parish Council met on 4th June

#### Planning

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

#### Call Connect Bus Funding

The Council discussed the future of the Call Connect service. The Council recognises that Woodnewton is one of the largest users of the service and considered how the future of the service may be secured, especially given that the Council budget was set back in January 2018. The Council agreed the following resolution which has been forwarded to NCC;

*“The Woodnewton Parish Council recognises the beneficial social and economic impact that the Call Connect ‘Bus’ Service has on the lives of residents of the village and in the wider community.*

*Therefore, it RESOLVES that: The Woodnewton Parish Council considers the Call Connect ‘bus service should be fully funded by the East Northamptonshire Council. Notwithstanding this, it is prepared to support Call Connect at the maximum contribution levels of £1021 in 2018/2019 and £1749 in 2019/2020, but it is not prepared to commit to these figures until it knows what is in the proposed ‘Bus Funding Agreement and has an undertaking that services in Woodnewton will continue at current levels. Furthermore, it seeks a firm commitment from the East Northamptonshire Council that it will underwrite any deficit in the overall funding level required for 2018/2019 should the Parish Council contribute £1021 in that year”.*

# Woodnewton Parish Council

## North Bridge Closure - Oundle

Council discussed the proposed imposition of a 3 tonne weight limit on North Bridge in Oundle and the impact of such a move on surrounding roads and villages. Council has expressed concerns especially regarding HGV's using local roads which are already in a very poor condition.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 2nd July at 8.00pm

## Andrew Hansford - Parish Council Chairman

# St Mary's Church

We will be celebrating our wonderful Flower Festival at our special church services on 1st July, both of which are for all the parishes in the Benefice. The one morning service and the Festival Evensong in the evening are the only services in the Watersmete parishes that day. All are warmly invited to one or both of these services.

And looking ahead to the Flower Festival weekend – thank you to everyone who is working so hard with all the preparations. It's going to be a great two days!

## July Services

1st July **BENEFICE SERVICES CELEBRATING THE FLOWER FESTIVAL:**

9.30 a.m. Holy Communion (Modern Language) at APETHORPE

6.00 p.m. Celebration Festival Evensong at NASSINGTON

8th July 9.30 a.m. Said Holy Communion (Modern language)

15th July 9.30 a.m. Sung Morning Praise for all the family

22nd July 9.30 a.m. Said Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

29th July 10.00 a.m. BENEFICE SERVICE AT YARWELL

## ICE CREAM SUNDAE

St Mary's Fund Raising team are hosting this event on August 26th, at the church from 2-4.30pm.

SO WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT? Children and the young at heart will be able to create their own ice cream sundae from all the toppings and sauces that will be on offer. For those who prefer something a little less icy, cakes and teas will also be served. Sit and enjoy your refreshments whilst listening to the live music that will be provided at intervals during the afternoon.

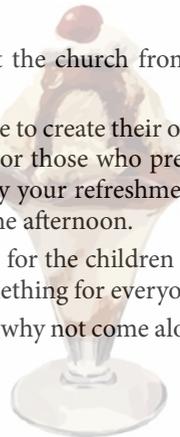
There will be various stalls – plants, books, jams and cakes and side shows for the children – a mini fete. They will also be able to take part in a treasure hunt; there is something for everyone.

So if you are avoiding the traffic and staying at home this holiday weekend, why not come along and spend a penny and help us raise money for the toilet project.

## More dates for your diary

6th October - A Race Night at the Village Hall

10th November - Northern Soul Disco



## Communicare News

A general patients meeting was held last month when we welcomed guest speakers Joe Bailey (Healthy & Active Lifestyles Officer ENC), Simon Fairhall (Kings Cliffe Active Site) and Robert Phipps (Volunteer Walk Leader) The theme of their presentation was healthy activity promoted by ENC. One of these activities is 'Walking for Health' - recently introduced voluntary led walks from various locations throughout the area. Each Tuesday evening and Friday morning a walk now takes place from the 'Black Horse' in Nassington for approximately an hour. Numbers attending are gradually increasing as notices are published and by word of mouth from those who are enjoying the benefits and social side of this weekly activity. Simon Fairhall also gave details of further expansion planned at the KC Active Site with the addition of a gym, café and meeting/consulting rooms – gaining financial support is in hand and he hoped work will commence in the next couple of years. He stressed the importance of making people aware of the facilities available specifically for non Kings Cliffe residents.

Dr Takhar informed the meeting that due to the financial problems with Northamptonshire County Council (NCC) the proposed project at Kings Cliffe had not made any significant progress over the last few weeks and this situation was unlikely to change until the future of NCC had been resolved. However he was pleased to report that the practice was in negotiation with both the CEO of Peterborough Hospital and other high level NHS representatives with regard to the site at Wansford surgery. Plans were well advanced on the type of accommodation – a 60 bed unit with a staff of 40 providing post hospitalisation after care – this would be short stay and costs would be covered by the NHS.

On the recommendation of the officials it was agreed to provide funds for a new portable ECG machine. As this will be sited and used at the KC surgery this will be part funded by a donation from the late Terry Smith who wished the money to be used for the benefit of KC patients.

The next meeting will be the AGM on 12th September. The officials are concerned about the continuing lack of interest shown by patients to put themselves forward to take an active role in the running of the PPG – they want to make people aware that serving on the committee could only entail attending a quarterly meeting, although involvement with additional activities such as fund raising, organising special events would be very welcomed. In the light of recent closures of several other PPGs in the Peterborough area, they want to generate more interest to avoid the same fate for our own group.

The social group were away in Scarborough in May with very inclement weather – it is hoped that the next holiday to Devon in September will coincide with an 'indian summer'. There is also another day trip planned for next month. For further details on any of these activities, please contact Clare on 01780 470437 email: superfoguk@aol.com. The next coffee morning will be on Friday 20th July at the Kings Cliffe Active Sports Hall at 10am.

# WHAT'S ON

## Woodnewton Cinema

'The Greatest Showman' will be screened on September 8th. There will be a licenced bar for pre- and post film drinks. Tickets will be available from Gary from 1st August onwards on 470593.

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

The next village walk will be an evening stroll on Wednesday 25th July at 6.00pm. The walk will start from The Red Lion Warmington. I hope you will be able to join us.

## Afternoon Tea



Just a reminder that 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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## Will you be a Blue Tin Hero for Sue Ryder Thorpe Hall Hospice?

Every year thousands of people across the region choose to pop loose change into charity collection boxes in pubs, shops and community hubs rather than weigh down purses and pockets. What might only be a few pennies to each individual adds up for the charity.

Sue Ryder Thorpe Hall Hospice in Peterborough receives, on average, £706 every month from collection tins. That's enough to pay for a hospice nurse for more than five days

But the hospice needs help – in the shape of Blue Tin Heroes – to round up tins, deliver them to Thorpe Hall in Longthorpe and to distribute empty tins around the region.

Community fundraising officer Sharon Baker has the task of co-ordinating Sue Ryder Thorpe Hall Hospice collection tins. She said: "We are really grateful to all the venues across the region which have one of our collection tins – the contents really do add up to make a difference here at Thorpe Hall. Now we need volunteers who are willing to use their community connections and knowledge to pick up full tins, distribute empty ones to venues which already support us and identify places which might like to have one of our collection tins at the till, on the counter or on the bar."

Husband and wife Elaine and John Rignall have already signed up as Blue Tin Heroes covering the area near their home in Stanground, Peterborough. Elaine said: "John and I are often out visiting friends and going places so it's no bother for us to stop off on the way and pick up a couple of collection tins and give out some empty ones. It's our way of doing something to help our local hospice."

The team at Thorpe Hall Hospice are particularly seeking Blue Tin Heroes in Oundle and the surrounding villages and would love your help. To find out more about becoming a Blue Tin Hero please call 01733 225999 or email [Thorpe.fundraising@sueryder.org](mailto:Thorpe.fundraising@sueryder.org)

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*Sue Ryder*  
Thorpe Hall  
Hospice

## On the Plot

I have tried to cover a variety of subjects over the years, but I can never remember mentioning ticks. No, not the nervous type, although those to which I refer may well be - I am meaning the spidery-type arachnids.

When out and about walking I am always vigilant, but it now seems that we all may have to be so closer to home. Only a few days ago after working on his plot, a hard-working plot holder, (alright, maybe not so hard-working), reported more than one tick trying to have a meal on bits of his fine body (his words, not mine).

Now I am sure that this might have an amusing aspect to it, but I shall be the last one to exploit that possibility, because tick bites are a very serious matter.

I am no expert, but ticks, commonly found on sheep and deer can bite humans and in so doing cause a variety of possible infections. One of these is Lyme disease which you certainly would not queue up to receive a sample of. Some symptoms include swollen joints, arthritis and neurological problems. It is not a disease that is short term either. It lasts and relapses are common. This is a serious nasty, so any possibility of being bitten wherever you are needs taking very seriously indeed.

Once in the process of biting, if a tick is spotted it needs very careful removal. It is no good squashing or swiping it in an effort to kill or remove it. That can lead to your blood, engorged by the tick being returned along with any number of possible infections. I always carry a special tick remover in my rucksack, but tweezers, carefully used can be as effective.

I do strongly suggest that you do a little research on this. Just doing a Google search for ticks will bring up plenty of useful sources of help. The following website (<https://www.mountaineering.scot/safety-and-skills/health-and-hygiene/ticks>) seems to offer very succinct and helpful information. There are also good videos on youtube showing how ticks should be removed. As always, some web pages go on for ever, but I am sure that you will soon find one that you feel is clearest and most helpful.

I am sorry to be the bearer of unpleasant news, but I am sure that an awareness of the tick issue can only prove helpful.

In any case it makes a change from warning about the weather, rabbits, slugs and other forms of pestilence, I suppose! Talking of which, what's all that commotion a few plots up.....?!

I hope that you have a good summer.



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# Woodnewton History Group

While sitting in the church at Lionel Baxter's funeral, my eye wandered upwards along the north wall, just in front of the radiator towards the rear - and what did I see?

If you look carefully on the top left of the stone the symbol of the Chi-Rho has been engraved. The two Greek letters superimposed on one another form the beginning of Christ's name. Usually the Chi is nearer in form to an "X" rather than the angular imitation of the cross of the crucifix, but both forms exist, and one like ours can be seen on a coin of the Byzantine Roman Emperor Justin (c. 565-576).



The symbol was originally adopted by the Emperor Constantine I (the Great) after his revelation before the battle of the Milvian Bridge on 28 Oct. C.E. 312. There, having been declared Emperor in York, he met the other contender Maxentius who was waiting at the river Tiber before Rome. On the night before the battle, Constantine had a dream in which he saw the sun overlain by a cross, and beneath, the words "*in hoc signo vinces*", or "In this sign prevail". The next morning Constantine ordered his men to paint crosses on their shields, and they marched to war as "Christian soldiers" Constantine's victory resulted in the official religion of the Empire being declared as Christian.



So what is our symbol doing there? The academic jury is out for the moment. There are rare examples of mediaeval Chi-Rhos, but there is also the possibility that the stone was reused from the Roman Villa at Apethorpe - watch this space!



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