

WOODNEWTON NEWS

DECEMBER 2018

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At Woodnewton Village Hall

Performance Dates

Wednesday 6th February at 7.30 pm (Extra for 2018)

Thursday 7th February at 7.30pm

Friday 8th February at 7.30pm

Saturday 9th February at 2.30pm (fancy dress encouraged)

Saturday 9th February 7.30 pm

Tickets :- Adults £8 / Children under 14 £5

Tickets on sale from 10 am on Monday 7th January

(No advanced ticket booking & tickets are non refundable)

Contact Anne & Henry Galloway

Tel:- 01780 479235 or via email at boxofficewoodnewton@gmail.com

News and Reports

A banner image for Woodnewton Parish Council. It features a stylized, painterly illustration of a village scene. On the left, there's a yellow building, possibly a church or school. In the center, a stone bridge crosses a river. To the right, a stone building with arched windows is visible. The background shows green hills and a blue sky with some clouds. The text 'Woodnewton Parish Council' is overlaid in a white, serif font with a black outline.

Woodnewton Parish Council

The Parish Council met on 5th November 2018

Councillor Vacancies

There are still opportunities for residents to volunteer to become Councillors on the Parish Council and to be part of the decision-making process on issues that affect the village. Anyone wishing to know more should contact the Chairman (andrew@hansford451.plus.com) or come along to the next meeting.

Planning Applications

The Council considered 1 application, which was returned without objection.

Street Lights

The project has suffered a slight set-back with the failure to secure grant-aid funding. Other sources of funding are being explored with a view to keeping the plan on track. In the meanwhile, the existing lights are being maintained where this is cost-effective.

Village Sign Unveiling

The Village Sign is finally complete after many months of work. The Sign has been hand carved by a local craftsman and will be situated in its original position on the triangle very soon.

Council has agreed that the new sign, which includes elements of our location and identity in its design, will be unveiled at the village Carol Service on Thursday 20th December at 7.00pm. We look forward to seeing many residents join us for this event.

Northamptonshire Local Government Re-Organisation

Central Government has yet to formally make its decision on the future structure of Local Government in Northamptonshire. Whatever the decision, there will be implications for East Northamptonshire Council and the Woodnewton Parish Council. Your Councillors will continue to keep you informed.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on **Monday 3rd December at 8.00pm**

Andrew Hansford - Parish Council Chairman

St Mary's Church

December Church Services at St. Mary's

2nd December 9.30 a.m. Sung Holy Communion (Modern Language)

9th December 9.30 a.m. Said Holy Communion (Modern Language)

16th December 9.30 a.m. Sung Morning Praise – a service for all the family,

20th December 7.00 p.m. Carol Service

23rd December 3.00 p.m. Christmas Praise and Nativity – all the family are welcome to come and share the Christmas story!

Christmas Day 10.00 a.m. Christmas Communion for all.

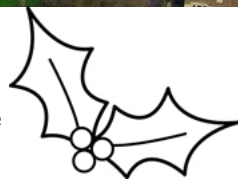
I do hope you will be able to join us for our special Christmas services this year. As well as our usual Carol Service when we enjoy singing the well-known carols and hearing the Christmas story once again, and our Christmas morning Communion service, we are having a **new family Nativity service on Sunday 23rd December at 3.00 p.m. in the afternoon, called Christmas Praise**. Children (and grown ups as well if you like) are invited to come dressed as one of the characters in the Christmas story, and we will tell that wonderful news of God's love together. Would you like to be a shepherd or a wise man (or we could call them kings!) – or a wise woman (!) or maybe Mary or Joseph? It doesn't matter if we have four Marys and three Josephs with lots of sheep and one wise man – we'll tell the story anyway – just come along and enjoy it!

Everyone associated with St. Mary's wishes you a very blessed and happy Christmas!

Christmas is another time of year when we welcome people to the church to mark a special time. There was a wonderful gathering to mark Remembrance Sunday on the 100th anniversary of the Armistice and our church council and regular congregation are delighted that people want to come together to remember or to celebrate. We are so grateful to all who make it possible to keep our church available for everyone – those who clean, those who decorate and those who open and lock the church each day. Your help is so much appreciated. And of course there are those who set up and help in our weekly services and our church council is always looking for new ways of making our beautiful church a welcoming place, with events and services that are for everyone.

We have our exciting new toilet/kitchen project underway and we have a hard-working group already fund-raising for us. The process of making significant changes to a building that is well over 700 years old takes time and care, with lots of special permissions, but we know that it will be worth it in the end, when we can use our new facilities to do even more creative things in our church. Until then (and we hope that won't be too long!) the church congregation and supporters are doing all they can to keep our church available to all for services and events we enjoy together. As well as supporting us in practical ways, the church, of course, needs money to keep running and we are grateful to those who support us financially. It takes about £330 a week for us to meet our financial commitments. Not many people realise that each individual church is responsible for its own funding and that we don't receive any money from external church bodies or government sources. It's all down to us to keep our church going so that we can be here for everyone!

Rev. Jane.



News from St Mary's Fundraising team

SANTA IS COMING TO TOWN

To end our year of fundraising we are staging something totally different to attract both adults and children alike. Santa will be stopping off at St Mary's Church, at 6.15pm., for just over the hour on Thursday, 13th June 2018.

Further details can be found on the poster inside this newsletter. However, at 7.45pm., we will be pleased to welcome a member of Stamford Flower Club who will show us how to make flower arrangements for the Christmas dinner table.

Tickets will cost £5, for both adults and children; the adult ticket includes mulled wine and festive refreshments, whilst the children's ticket includes a present from Santa. These will need to be purchased before the evening, so that Santa will know what presents he needs to bring with him. These tickets can be purchased from Anne Galloway on 01780 479235 or email her on henry.galloway@btinternet.com.

Northern Soul Dance

A very good evening organised by Paul and Angi Aspland took place at the village hall on 10th November. The bar did a brisk trade to keep the dancers hydrated and the flares were there in abundance. Des Barnes, a DJ from Corby Radio, who had helped with the advertising of this event, made an appearance during the evening. Over £350 profit was added to the toilet/kitchen fund from this evening.



Over the last month the profit from the Race Night has increased due to some further donations and we are pleased to announce that this event actually raised £1,239. Grateful thanks to everybody.

Communicare News

The social group's coffee mornings are now suspended until February 2019 but their post-Christmas lunch is scheduled to take place on Friday 11th January at the Cross Keys Inn at Kings Cliffe. Places are limited and will be allocated on first-come-first-served basis – further details can be obtained from Clare on 01780 470437 email: superfoguk@aol.com.

As this report is somewhat curtailed we can pass on some information from the recent practice newsletter. One of the topics of the latest issue deals with the subject of a **training practice**. There is a lot of misconception around having an appointment with a **trainee**. They are qualified doctors serving a period of time in general practice. They often have a lot of experience in certain areas as they will have worked on hospital wards (e.g. gynaecology, care of the elderly, etc.). They are supervised so will sometimes get the benefit of a senior doctor during a consultation and they tend to have longer slots so that they are not rushed.

A **training practice** is a learning organisation that gives GP registrars medicine experience in general practice but can also offer educational opportunities to other primary care professionals. For example, hospital doctors, medical students, nurses and health service administration staff. Wansford surgery has been a training practice since around 1980 providing training for GP registrars and Foundation 2 (FY2) junior doctors. Over 60 GPs have completed training many of whom now run their own practices and a further 20 doctors gained GP experience but are

now working in hospitals.

GP registrars are fully trained doctors who have decided on a career in general practice – they are attached to an approved training scheme for three years – two years are spent adding to their hospital experience with a further twelve months at a training practice like Wansford. Various modules and examinations have to be passed to achieve GP certification and this can involve videoing consultations for training purposes – permission of the patient is always sought and the camera is directed onto the doctor not the patient. FY2 doctors are destined for a career in hospitals but can choose a placement in general practice for 3-4 months – they are fully qualified to see patients but will have greater supervision.

The training team at Wansford consists of GP trainers – Drs Tahar, Nally, and Hamilton with Drs Odedra and Baker being associate trainers. Other doctors in the practice are involved with training but are overseen by one of the trainers who are members of the Royal College of GPs and attend an approved course for up to a year.

Every three years the practice is assessed for re-approval by a team of medical educationalists from the Eastern Deanery in Cambridge who look at a whole range of standards of care and teaching within the practice.

Wendy Spencer

WHAT'S ON



SANTA IS COMING TO TOWN



Father Christmas will arrive at his Grotto
St Mary's Church Woodnewton at 6.15pm



ARTS &
CRAFTS

Thursday
13th December
6pm- 8.30pm

Adults -inc Festive Refreshments
Children – inc present from Santa
£5

Christmas Flower
Demonstration at
7.45pm

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Christmas Tree
& build a Nativity
6.30pm – 7.30pm

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From: Anne Galloway on 01780 479235 or
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A fundraising event for the toilet/kitchen project

WHAT'S ON 2

New Year's Eve Party

Once again we will be holding a New Year's Eve Party at the Village Hall.

Come and join us for a great evening of good food including mini hog-roast and vegetarian option, a brilliant disco including advance personal song requests to be played on the night. Email song requests to: paulreed004@gmail.com.

Like last year the dress code is posh frocks for the ladies, and smart attire for the gents. Bring your own drink and glasses.

Ticket price is £10 and limited to a maximum of 50 so book early.

Tickets on sale from the 3rd December from Jill or David on 01780 470619

Please note that this is an adults only event.

Oundle Rotary will be presenting a traditional Christmas Concert at St Peters Church, Oundle on Friday 7 December 2018 at 7.45pm.

Enjoy carols and wonderful music from the Salvation Army Band with a supporting cast. Proceeds from this concert will go towards Sue Ryder Thorpe Hall, SSAFA, Medical Detection Dogs and The Salvation Army.

Tickets are £10 and available from Oundle Book Shop, Oundle In Stitches, Post Office, Green Man Antiques and Pick Arthey or by email oundlerotary@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you on the night - Oundle Rotary

Woodnewton Cinema

We shall be screening 'Finding your Feet' (PG-13) on 12th January 2019 at 7.30pm.

The film is a heart-warming comedy in which 'Lady' Sandra Abbott discovers that her husband of forty years is having an affair with her best friend, she seeks refuge with her estranged, older sister Bif. The two could not be more different - Sandra is a fish out of water next to her outspoken, serial dating, free spirited sibling. But different is just what Sandra needs and she reluctantly lets Bif drag her along to her community dance class, where gradually she starts finding her feet... and romance.

Tickets are £5 and will be on sale from 1st January from Gary 470593.



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CHRISTMAS SWING PARTY 1ST DECEMBER

At the time of writing tickets sales for the village hall's Christmas Party were selling well.

If you would like to come along and join the party with singer Dave Lea and support JP please ring Gary on 470593 for tickets.

Tickets cost £10 including interval snacks. Please bring your own drink, glasses and nibbles as there will not be a bar.

Doors open at 7pm the party starts at 7.30pm!

Gary's Walk

We had an enjoyable circular walk around Wansford last month followed by drinks at the Wansford Coffee Lounge. The walking group also raised £80 for Children in Need.

This month our walk is on December 22nd, if you would to come along please meet at our village hall at 10.00am for a circular walk from the village finishing at the White Swan for drinks.

The next walk will be on January 12th further details in next month's newsletter.

Penny Taylor is an experienced local yoga teacher and yoga therapist offering classes local to Woodnewton Mon - Thurs evening and daytime.

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Woodnewton History Group

New Year's Eve this year marks the 75th anniversary of a tragic accident in the Woodnewton, which resulted in the death of an American pilot and brought the realities of the Second World War closer to the inhabitants of our village.

JOHN WALTER CRAGO

John Walter Crago was a 2nd Lieutenant in the US Army Air Force. He died instantly in an accident on 31st December 1943 when his aircraft crash landed in Woodnewton, in the field known as Stepping End just beyond Conegar Farm.

Lieutenant Crago was born on 5th April 1917 in Phillipsburgh, Pennsylvania, the son of Walter P Crago and Margaret K Jones. He had enlisted in March 1942 and was a member of the 55th Fighter Squadron of the 20th Fighter Group. This Group was under the command of the 67th Fighter Wing of the VIII Fighter Command of the USAAF. When he died he was 26 years old.

The circumstances leading to the accident on 31st December are recorded here in general terms only as told by former and existing residents of Woodnewton and supported by information from the Internet. It is not meant to be definitive.

The USAAF was assigned RAF Kings Cliffe in early 1943 and it was re-designated as Station 367. It was the most northerly and westerly of all US Army Air Force fighter stations. At that time RAF Kings Cliffe was a very primitive base, lacking accommodation and other basic facilities,

so the Americans undertook an extensive building programme at the base during 1943. The 20th Fighter Group arrived on 26th August 1943 from its training base in California having crossed the USA by railway and then the Atlantic aboard HMS Queen Elizabeth on a five-day unescorted trip. The Group comprised three Fighter Squadrons; two of those Squadrons were based at Station 367 whilst the third, the 55th Fighter Squadron (Lieutenant Crago's), was based at RAF Wittering whilst additional accommodation was being built at Kings Cliffe. The Group did not come back together at Station 367 until April 1944. Up to December 1943 the Group flew Republic P-47 Thunderbolt planes. With the arrival of their new Lockheed P-38 Lightning planes in late December 1943 the 20th Fighter Group entered fully into operational combat and was engaged in providing escort and fighter support to heavy and medium bombers to targets on the continent.

In the early morning of 31st December 1943 Lieutenant Crago was to fly from RAF Wittering to Station 367 to be briefed on his first combat mission – to provide escort protection on a bombing mission to attack an aircraft assembly factory at Bordeaux and an airfield at La Rochelle. This was to be just the 3rd mission by the fully-operational Group flying P-38's. The planes of the 55th Squadron took off from RAF Wittering three abreast but unfortunately the right wing-tip of Lieutenant Crago's plane struck the top of a search light tower on take-off. Lieutenant Crago must have lost some control of the aircraft but not it would appear the total control of the plane. He flew it from Wittering and was trying to get to Station 367. Unfortunately, he only got as far as Woodnewton.

The plane approached the village from the north-east, flying very low over Back Lane (Orchard Lane) and St Mary's Church but crash landed in the field known as Stepping End just beyond Conegar Farm. Eyewitnesses said that the pilot discharged his guns to warn people on the ground that he had lost control of the plane and was about to crash. Wreckage from the plane was still visible in Stepping End in the 1950's and a "drop tank" (for additional fuel) could also be seen in the hedge between King's Ground and Checkers. A brief reconnoitre carried out by the History Group in November 2018, found no recognisable evidence of the plane in the hedgerows around the fields.

Stepping End is the first open field - no hedges or fencing - on the right-hand side of the track from Woodnewton to Southwick. From Mill Lane, cross the bridge over the Willowbrook, and continue until the land begins to rise at the start of the hill. King's Ground and Checkers are the next two fields on the right along the same track.

It is understood that 2nd Lieutenant Crago, whilst no doubt a qualified and proficient pilot, had had only 7 hours flying experience in the Group's new P-38 Lightning at the time of the accident.

A memorial plaque to Lieutenant Crago was put up in St Mary's Church to commemorate his death. The wording on this memorial faded over time however, and the plaque was replaced in 2001, although the wording on the two plaques is the same.

2nd Lieutenant John Harvey Crago is buried and commemorated at the Cambridge American Cemetery and Memorial (Plot A, Row 5, Grave 22). His photograph can be seen at "<http://www.20thfightergroup.com/kiakifa.html>".





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