

WOODNEWTON NEWS

JANUARY 2019



News and Reports

Woodnewton Parish Council

The Council met on Monday 3rd December

Public Time:

One member of the Public attended during Public Time to express their views on the re-organisation of local government in Northamptonshire and the potential impacts on rural services. The resident asked the Council to respond to the Consultation period.

Planning:

The Council considered two applications; both were returned without any objections

Street Lights:

The Council agreed to make an application to the Secretary of State for the facility to borrow money. This is just a procedural mechanism and it is a requirement that residents are consulted and agree before any actual funds can be obtained. The Council has undertaken this measure in order to have another funding option available should grant applications fail. We have already been unsuccessful in one such application.

Budget:

The Council spent much time looking at budgetary options for the 2019/20 year. The annual precept is set at the January meeting and the Clerk provided various scenarios based on potential expenditure and funding sources. Given the uncertainty around the responsibilities that Parish Council's will be asked to take on as a result of the reorganisation it is vital that the Council equips itself with the funds to meet unexpected expenditure. To give you an example, the sort of things that being discussed as potentially being passed to Parish Council's to manage include gritting, local road maintenance and libraries.

Village Life:

As we move into the new year, many people will be thinking of resolutions for 2019. Woodnewton is a special place to live, with a great mix of people and things going on. The various groups and events don't happen by themselves. So, whether it's the Woodnewton Players, the Village History Group, St Mary's Church, Table Tennis, Music Group, Village Hall Committee, Bonfire & Fireworks night or the Clean Up Day, please consider joining or helping out any of these as one of your resolutions. This is particularly so, with regard to your Parish Council. For a number of months now I have been writing this column and asking for volunteers as we are currently operating with two Councillors less than we should have. This is not a long-term proposition and I would ask that you consider if you are able give up one evening a month to support your village.

The next meeting will be on Monday 7th January at 8.00pm

On behalf of the whole Council, I wish you a very happy New Year

Andrew Hansford - Chairman

St Mary's Church



January Church Services at St. Mary's

6th January 9.30 a.m. Sung Holy Communion (Modern Language)

13th January 9.30 a.m. Said Holy Communion (Modern Language)

20th January 9.30 a.m. Sung Morning Praise – a service for all the family,

27th January 8.30 a.m. Said Holy Communion (Book of common Prayer)

The Christmas decorations are packed away again and we begin another new year. Looking back at our splendid Christmas celebrations, I'd like to thank all those who worked so hard to clean and decorate our church, and all those who helped in so many ways with our services. Our church was alive with the singing of carols, delighting in the wonderful remembrance of the birth of our saviour Jesus Christ in Bethlehem. It was a wonderful time of welcome and fellowship. Thank you also to those who prepared and ran the lovely Christmas themed evening in the church – a new venture supporting the fund-raising for our development project.

As we look to the new year, may this be a time of blessing for our village and for those we love, whatever the year might bring and may the light of Christ lead us onwards in hope and trust.

With every blessing – and a very happy new year!

Rev. Jane.

A personal message from Paul Aspland

Is our church, St Marys, fit for purpose (a modern turn of phrase)?

First of all do you think we should keep a church in our village? It's a wonderful building full of history and memories; (the churchyard being the final resting place for Coco the Clown), but with falling attendance is it condemned to be consigned to history?

Friends of St Mary's is made up of people, not necessarily religious, that would like to keep it as a community space for you the villagers of Woodnewton and are hoping to be able to extend its use for none ecclesiastical purposes. They would be in a better position to move forward with this if there were a toilet and a kitchen. This doesn't happen very easily as the Church of England and the planning is unbelievably slow, also the cost of the project is massive; this hasn't held back the Friends and they are working relentlessly to raise funds. Please give them your support.

Paul Aspland

Communicare News

The general patients' meeting which took place at the end of November dealt with a number of matters. Following the guest presentation at the June meeting, the number of people registered for the 'Walking for Health' weekly activities in Nassington has now reached 60 with a regular attendance in excess of 20.

Dr Nally reported that negotiations with NorthamptonshireCC regarding the proposed development at Kings Cliffe were on hold due to the council's financial situation but it was now believed that the chosen site would be inadequate in size for the potential layout; investigations are in hand to locate other suitable locations. Arrangements for the convalescing/step-down unit development at Wansford are ongoing with planning permission being sought as well as continuing discussions with Peterborough hospital.

The group's funds now stand at £3647 having increased by £241 over the past three months – thanks were expressed for the generous donation given in memory of the late T.Cunnington. It was noted that the total still includes agreed ring fencing of £2000 but the balance of the amount given in memory of the late T. Smith has been used in part payment for new ECG machine sited at the Kings Cliffe surgery.

The practice is now using the services of newly appointed health care assistants employed by the Greater Peterborough Network of surgeries – these personnel attend patients who are for many reasons housebound to carry out various tasks such as taking blood, blood pressure checks, urine screening, pulse rates, but are not qualified to issue prescriptions.

Although there are notices visible in the surgery's reception area, local knowledge regarding the availability of appointments at the 'Hub' in Peterborough appear to be sketchy. The 'Hub' is operated by the Greater Peterborough Network and sited at the Boroughbury practice in the Lincoln Road area of the city. Appointments can be booked through various routes – by calling '111', on a website, or through the patient's own practice – it is not a 'walk-in' centre and appointments can only be booked for the following 24 hours. The facility is open 7 days a week – weekdays 6.30am to 8.30pm, Saturday 9.0am to 5pm and Sunday 9.0am to 12.30pm – it is staffed by local GPs, nurses, and Citizens Advice volunteers. Any patient attending must agree to their online records being shared. Services at the 'Hub' are continuously being monitored and expanded.

It was queried whether the surgery and pharmacy were taking steps to 'stock pile' supplies and drugs to allay any shortfall in deliveries as a result of the Brexit negotiations or lack of a trade deal with EU countries. However the practice had looked into this matter but unfortunately were prevented from taking any action by the NHS who had issued strict guidelines which prohibited such precautions.

The social group's coffee mornings are now suspended until February but their post-Christmas lunch will 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.

Wendy Spencer

WHAT'S ON

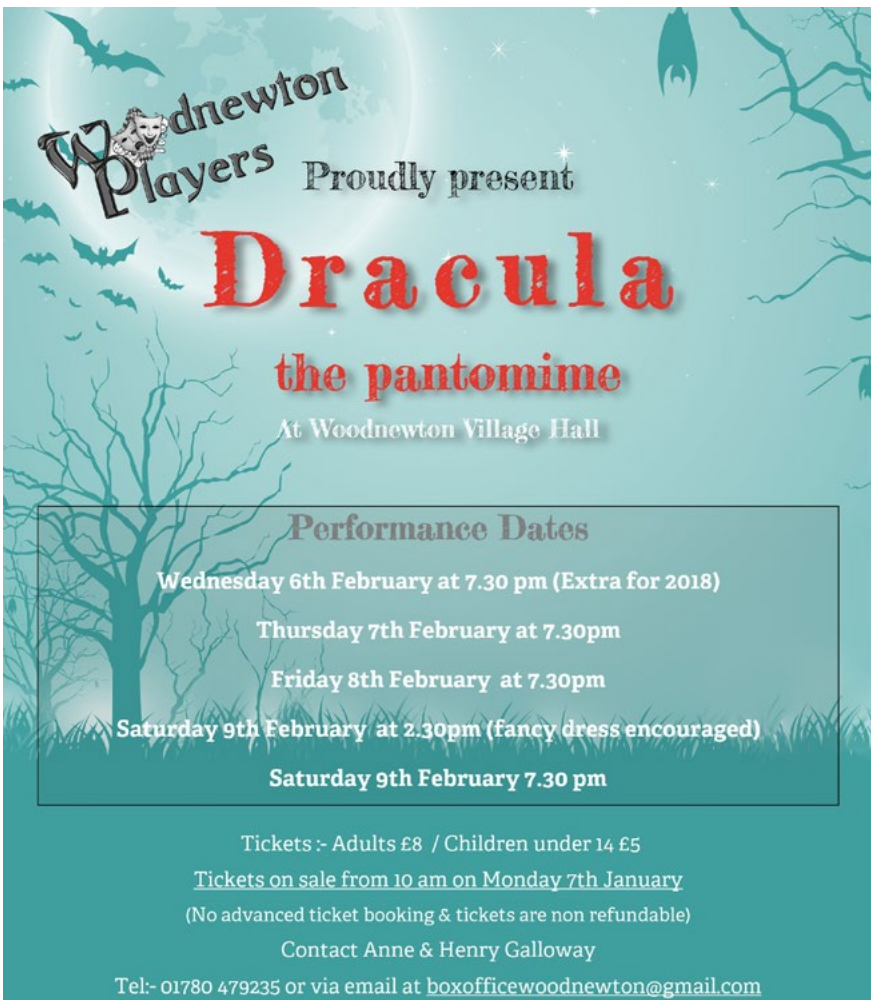
Woodnewton Cinema

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

The film is a heart-warming comedy which I am sure you will all enjoy. Why not come along and support future film screenings and have an enjoyable night with fellow villagers. There will be a bar so that you can enjoy a drink whilst watching the film. We also now have comfy chairs thanks to the village hall committee.

Tickets are £5 and are available from Gary 470593.

This community project assisted by Oundle Cinema can only continue with your attendance due to the high cost of screenings. As planned, we are screening *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society* on March 16th. If you have any suggestions for screening our next season starting in September 2019 please pass them onto Gary.



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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

WHAT'S ON 2

Woodnewton History Group

Members of the Woodnewton History Group are happy to announce that the website that they have been compiling over the last year will be launched on Saturday, 19th January 2019. Should you like to be present for this occasion, you are cordially invited to the village hall for 2.30pm.

RSVP: Marilyn, jennervalley@gmail.com

Nene Valley Railway

Thomas is back in 2019!

After Thomas developed problems during 2018 and was withdrawn from service we are thrilled to report that he's been repaired and we have now released the dates for Thomas' appearances during 2019.

February 16th, 17th, 23rd & 24th Thomas Half Term (bookings open now)

May 19th Thomas' Big Adventure (Booking Required)

June 8th & 9th Thomas' Branch Line

July 6th & 7th Thomas' Branch Line

August 10th & 11th Thomas' Summer Holiday

September 28th & 29th Thomas' Branch Line

October 19th & 20th Thomas' Half Term

The 0-6-0T engine No. 1800 was built by Hudswell Clarke in 1947 at about the time when Rev. W Awdry wrote his second book in which Thomas appeared. The little blue engine spent its entire working life at the British Sugar Corporation Peterborough factory pushing wagons of sugar beet up an incline until a diesel engine replaced the steam power of Thomas. The Peterborough Railway Society purchased this delightful little engine on 9th September 1973 and he was moved to the Nene Valley Railway, where he has since delighted his friends and children of all ages.

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Gary's Walk

Happy new year to you all.

How about kick starting the year by coming on one of my walks? My next walk is close to our village and will be a circular walk from the Falcon Fotheringhay.

The walk is on January 12th, if you would like to come along please meet outside the Falcon for a 10.00am start.

CHRISTMAS SWING PARTY 1ST DECEMBER



What a fantastic night we had in a wonderfully decorated village hall on 1st December.

The night started with Father Christmas welcoming us to the party and reminding us what was going to happen in the village over the Christmas period. Clearly, he needed to eat a few more mince pies to fill his outfit and was saved by a member of the audience from falling over his slipping belt.

We were firstly entertained by Dave with his lounge & swing classics which we could all singalong to. This was followed by John and Richard who entertained the audience with an acoustic set of blues numbers and popular songs which went down a storm. I am sure we will see more of them, keep an eye on them at the Shuckburgh Arms Southwick.

The night finished for most with Dave singing a nonstop medley of 60's and 70's popular songs for the audience to dance to. *(A hardy band of revellers hung around for an impromptu solo set from JP - Ed.)*

Well done to the village hall committee for putting on such a wonderful night. We had a lovely enjoyable evening and I am sure the rest of the audience did as well.



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Police	101 (non emergency report, suspicious behaviour and enquiries)
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