

# WOODNEWTON NEWS

## FEBRUARY 2019



# News and Reports

## Woodnewton Parish Council

### **Parish Council Report – January 2019**

The Council met on Monday 7th January

#### **Public Time:**

Two members of the Public attended during Public Time. Views were expressed by one Resident about the speed of vehicles through the Village and the lack of any speed limit enforcement. The Resident asked the Council to look again at the possibility of introducing speed warning signs similar to those in many neighbouring villages. The other Resident expressed an interest in the work of the Council and listened to the discussion of the various items on the agenda.

#### **Village Sign:**

The new Village Sign has been hung on the Triangle over the Christmas break. A number of favourable comments had been received.

#### **Goalposts:**

The Council agreed to proceed with the purchasing of the new goalposts after being successful with a grant application for 25% of the purchase costs. There will be additional costs installing the posts to the required specifications.

#### **Play equipment:**

It was also agreed to replace the seat on the zip-wire that is badly worn and replace two fence posts around the children's area that have rotted.

#### **Wildflower Meadow:**

After the prolonged dry weather put paid to the Council's efforts to establish a wildflower area in the playing field last year, another attempt will be made this spring. The turf will be removed on 16th March (volunteers required) so that the ground can be prepared in advance of sowing.

#### **Allotment Bonfires:**

The Council wishes to remind Allotment holders that any bonfires on their plot should be controlled, supervised and only burn waste generated on the plot.

#### **Cycle Ride (Cambridgeshire Classic)**

The Council has been notified that the Cambridgeshire Classic cycling event will pass through the village on Sunday 24th February. Please take extra care on local roads and keep an eye out for the bikes.

#### **Budget:**

The Council discussed at length the finances for the coming year (2019/20). The Council decided that it would be prudent to increase the Precept so that all known costs were covered, and allow some surplus funds as a contingency as we move closer to the local government re-organisation when many additional responsibilities and costs could get passed over to Parishes. As a result, it was decided to increase the Precept by 6%.

## Grass Cutting:

The final specifications for the grass cutting tender were agreed and a list of companies to be asked to submit tenders discussed. Tender documents will be sent out to all interested parties in the coming weeks and it was hoped to have a speedy resolution to the process to enable cutting to begin in good time.

The next meeting will be on Monday 11th February at 8.00pm

Andrew Hansford - Chairman

## St Mary's Church

**February Church Services at St. Mary's**

**3rd February 9.30 a.m. Sung Holy Communion (Modern Language)**

**10th February 9.30 a.m. Said Holy Communion (Modern Language)**

**17th February 9.30 a.m. Sung Morning Praise – a service for all the family,**

**24th February 8.30 a.m. Said Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)**

### *Valentine's Afternoon Tea 17th February*

We start our 2019 fund raising with a Valentines afternoon tea from 2-4pm at St Mary's on Sunday, 17th February. No charge for tea, but donations to the Church Toilet Project are welcome. There will also be an opportunity to see the History of Woodnewton Display if you missed it last month at the village hall.

## Communicare News

### February 2019

We held our post-Christmas lunch last month attended by over thirty patients - monthly coffee mornings commence again this month – Friday 15th at the Kings Cliffe Active Sports Hall 10am.

As the next general patients meeting is not until next month (Tuesday 19th March) this gives the opportunity to share some important information regarding patient online access which has recently been published by the Primary Care Digital Transformation team of NHS England.

*'As the public are using more digital services for banking, shopping etc, the NHS is now making more of "digital" - internet, smartphones and tablets. As 60% of over 65's use the internet, and 76% of the population own a smart phone, the benefits of encouraging more digital access to GP surgeries would improve patient experience and save time for both patient and surgeries. Figures show signing up two extra patients per day to this service would save a practice 30 hours admin time a year.'*

Wansford and Kings Cliffe practice have procedures in place for those patients wishing to make use of online access – these are detailed on their website – [www.wansfordsurgery.co.uk](http://www.wansfordsurgery.co.uk) – open the link 'GP Online'. For more information about keeping your healthcare records safe and secure, a helpful leaflet has been produced by the NHS in conjunction with the British Computer Society:

Keeping your online health & social care records safe and secure <http://www.nhs.uk/NHSEngland/thenhs/records/healthrecords/Documents/PatientGuidanceBooklet.pdf>

Wendy Spencer

# WHAT'S ON

## Woodnewton Cinema

Our next screening will be 'Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society' on 16th March 2019 at 7.30pm. Tickets are £5 and are available from Gary 470593. There will be a bar available.

We are also planning to screen:

Mamma Mia – Here we go again

Bohemian Rhapsody

Stan and Ollie

Please keep an eye out for future screening dates in our newsletter.

## Gary's Walk

My next walk will be a circular walk from Bulwick followed by drinks at the Queen Head.

The walk is on February 2nd, if you would like to come along please meet outside the Church for a 10.00am start.

Whilst it is old news, in December we had a lovely walk and retired to the White Swan for coffee and mince pies. I just wanted to thank Pete the chef for his homemade mouth-watering mince pies and Will and Jason for making the arrangements.



## Nene Valley Railway

An exciting schedule of events at NVR promises lots of fun and interest for the whole family. This what's happening between now and the end of April.

February 16th & 17th Thomas Branch Line

March 8th Southern Steam Fish and Chips evening

March 9th & 10th Steam Gala – Southern Steam

March 23rd & 24th Open Day + Volunteer Recruitment day

March 31st Mother's Day Afternoon Teas

April 5th - 7th Mixed Traffic Gala

April 13th Steam, Folk and Morris

April 19th - 22nd Easter – Dr Who

April 27th & 28th Travelling Post Office + Thomas

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## WHAT'S ON 2

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There are a few tickets remaining for the performances on Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th February. Contact David Webb on 01780 470619

Also for all of you children coming to the Saturday matinee, don't forget to dig out your scariest Halloween costume, as fancy dress is an option.

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# Woodnewton History Group

## History Group Launches Website



Over 40 people attended the launch of the Woodnewton History Group's Website on Saturday 19th Jan. Apart from the attraction of a delicious afternoon tea with homemade sandwiches and cakes, visitors to the hall studied the extensive exhibitions of photos, news cuttings and maps. Current residents were joined by past residents who have moved away but their recollections and pictures of life here in previous eras was fascinating and very moving. We were told how the website is one of the best ways to store and share the valuable archive of information that the Group have compiled over the years. Marilyn Jenner gave a demonstration of how to navigate

your way around. It's very much an ongoing project with new articles, pictures and stories being added all the time.

Check out the website at <http://www.woodnewtonhistory.co.uk>. There is loads of fascinating and surprising information about the people and places that have made the village what it is.

The main sections include Places, People, Gallery, Maps and Woodnewton Through Time; but make sure that you explore all the sub menus. There is a Contact Us page where you can send your own ideas or questions. If you want to send photos or other attachments use the email address [woodnewtonhistory@gmail.com](mailto:woodnewtonhistory@gmail.com).



## A Question of Woodnewton

To get you started on the new website we have compiled a quiz with a prize of £10 garden voucher for the submission with the most correct answers (in the event of a tie we will draw from a hat).

All the answers to the questions can be found on the website. Email them back to Woodnewtonhistory@gmail.com, or deliver to 5 Orchard Lane by February 16th

All the answers to the questions can be found on the website. This quiz is not open to any of the group or their families. The award will take place at the Valentine Tea at St Mary's on Sunday, 17th February.

1. Through the ages, the village name of Woodnewton has had several spellings, please provide another one.
2. The White Swan and Horse & Jockey are two of the four pubs/beer houses that were part of the village, what are the names of the other two?
3. How many men from Woodnewton died in the two wars?
4. Wades Close is named after a resident of Woodnewton, what was his profession?
5. What was the previous name of the house now called 'The Old Post Office'?
6. Name a postmaster/mistress of Woodnewton.
7. Name the building/house that you get if you join a fruit with a small Norfolk Town?
8. Where was the last mill in Woodnewton?
9. Name one of the houses that have caught fire?
10. Who was the head teacher at Woodnewton Primary school in 1902?
11. What is the Methodist Chapel now used for?
12. When did this present group form as Woodnewton History Group?



# Lost the Plot

Over the last few trips (voluntary and otherwise) up to the West of Scotland I have noticed the onset of a condition that Wales contracted a few years ago. Let's call it creeping bilingualitis. I am Welsh and lived the first 7 years of my life in Wales. At the time the bit of just-about-Wales I lived in didn't look or feel particularly Welsh. Everyone I knew spoke English and I don't even remember any reference to Welsh at school. I knew that my mum could speak Welsh and that there was some Welsh spoken in the village that she had lived in as a kid. There were definitely no Welsh road signs.

A while back - not sure exactly when - I noticed that the word ARAF painted on the roads. Coincidentally it was always accompanied by a SLOW sign. How mysterious. What exactly is a SLOW ARAF I wondered? The road signs had also started to double in size and triple in the number of consonants as they sprouted Welsh place names to go with the English ones. I also learned from a very old friend who lived on Anglesey (Ynys Mon) that his kids were taught in Welsh. Not taught Welsh, but taught Maths and Physics in Welsh and every other subject, presumably even English.

I have no idea if the Scots have gone as far as the Welsh is teaching their kids Physics in Gaelic but they have definitely followed their Celtic Brethren in creating a bonanza for the road sign industry. Each road sign now has place names in English and Gaelic. Fort William is now An Gearasdan which means the Garrison. The place didn't exist at all until the English built it to pacify the natives in the 17th century. The lovely irony is that the Gaelic word for garrison appears to be a loanword from English. So the Gaelic name for a place that did not exist until the English built it is a word that has to be ripped off from English. You couldn't make it up, except they did.

I was stood outside Coop in the Highland village of Kinlochleven with the dog while my lovely wife was inside. I read some of the signage in the window. Things like opening times were all shown in English and Gaelic. I then spotted a bit with the Coop's corporate information. Headquarters address and other stuff. There were a couple of short paragraphs. In two languages. One was English, the other Welsh. I am no linguist but the difference between Welsh and Gaelic is pretty marked. The Welsh have a predilection for excessive consonants - have you ever seen Welsh Countdown - the Scots less so. I wondered if the Coop was going out of its way to make Welsh tourists feel at home. But here is a more likely explanation. Picture the scene: the Coop HQ in Manchester. "We need to send some more signage to the Kinlochleven branch" says a manager, "Make sure you send the bilingual window stickers." So some unsuspecting Mancunian looks at the stickers, recognises some text that's obviously not their native tongue and sends it off to the highlands. The demographic of the Gaelic speakers in the village is pretty narrow. A group of half a dozen folks in the 80s probably makes up 90%. Not much of an overlap with installers of window stickers or supermarket managers and checkout assistants. And so inadvertently the Coop have successfully managed to satisfy themselves that they are meeting their linguistic inclusivity targets while at the same time making Welsh travellers feel more at home.

Slainte.





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