

WOODNEWTON

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News and Reports

Woodnewton Parish Council

Parish Council Report – February 2019

The Council met on Monday 11 February

Public Time:

No members of the Public attended this month. Please remember that Council meetings are open to everyone, and that there is a 15-minute slot at the beginning of every meeting for residents to raise any issues they have relating to the village and the surrounding area.

Street Lights:

The Council has failed in securing Grant money for the street light scheme from a second application. The Council agreed to defer a decision on the way forward until after an ENC Street Lighting Forum in March. One option maybe to use the future electricity cost savings to fund the upfront capital cost.

Speeding:

The Council is once again investigating the options and costs for speed warning signs as found in many local villages. The Council has looked at this previously and tried to work with neighbouring Parishes to spread the cost and share the sign so that it is just not in the same place all the time (and therefore becomes less effective) but our neighbours did not want to join in with our plans at that time.

Planning:

An Appeal regarding a recent Planning Application has been dismissed by ENC.

Grass Cutting:

Council received 4 responses to our application to tender for the village grass cutting for 2019 - 2021. The quotes received were similar in price and were appraised by Councillors who also considered the various companies' abilities to meet the other conditions required, such as insurance cover, health and safety etc. The Council agreed to once again split the work and accept tenders from 2 companies

Call Connect:

The Council has been informed that the restrictions on North Bridge, Oundle will not affect the Call Connect bus.

Budget:

Council reviewed the budgeted expenditure and forecast year end finances.

The next meeting will be on Monday 4th March at 8.00pm

Andrew Hansford

Chairman

St Mary's Church

3rd March 9.30 a.m.	Sung Holy Communion (Modern Language)
10th March 9.30 a.m.	Said Holy Communion (Modern Language)
17th March 9.30 a.m.	Sung Morning Praise – a service for all the family,
24th March 8.30 a.m.	Said Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
31st March 10.00 a.m.	BENEFICE MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE at NASSINGTON

Special services this month

The first Friday in March is the **World Day of Prayer** and we will be holding a special service at Yarwell at 2.00 p.m. on March 1st. Do come and join us for an international service, this year prepared by the women of Slovenia, joining with people across the world. *ALL* are welcome!

Mothering Sunday this year falls on 31st March, which is a 5th Sunday, and we will be celebrating with a benefice service at Nassington at 10.00 a.m. that morning. All the parishes are warmly invited to share in a special family service giving thanks for our mothers in the traditional way with flowers and recognising and celebrating all those who care for us, and the ways we support each other, whether as families or as people who live alone. Do come along and bring family and friends!

The Future of our Church

The Parochial Church Council (the PCC) has the responsibility for running and maintaining our beautiful ancient church so that our village and visitors can enjoy all that we have to offer as a living place of worship for weekly services, weddings, baptisms and funerals, and a building that is appreciated and loved by so many people. We are fortunate to have a fund-raising team working hard to raise funds for our exciting new building project and we are very grateful for all they are doing,

However, we also need to maintain the church itself, which is funded entirely by donations and collections and receives no external funding from government or the national church. Our outgoings consist of two elements: payments for running costs such as insurance, building maintenance and utilities, and the Share, a payment to the diocese to cover the cost of having a full-time minister in our group of parishes. Woodnewton's part of that annual payment last year was £12,500. In all it costs about £350 a week to keep our church going. In recent years we have found these costs increasingly difficult to meet and so we are asking for your help. During March we will be sending out an appeal letter, with the hope that we can get our church back on to a more secure financial footing. In addition, we will be holding a cheese and wine evening in the church at the beginning of April (date to be confirmed) to launch the appeal – all are most warmly invited to enjoy our lovely church and ask any questions you may have. I am sure that with your help we can secure our church's future.

Church Flowers

Would anyone like to go on the flower rota for St. Mary's Church? It would be for a fortnight once a year. Perhaps you would like to remember a loved one!

Please get in touch with Peggy Berton 01780 470411

COMMUNICARE

(Wansford & Kings Cliffe Surgery Patient Participation Group)

A general meeting open to all patients will be held on

Tuesday 2nd April 2019

at Wansford Surgery – 1.00 pm

Agenda items will include finance and practice update

Suggestions and ideas for future potential guest speakers or discussion subjects will also be welcomed



Nassington Health Walks – The First Year

It was a chilly morning on 9th March 2018 when 13 intrepid

walkers met outside the Black Horse for Nassington's very first walk as part of the Walking for Health scheme. Since then the group has gone from strength to strength with 70 people now signed up, often with 25 or more participating each week.



Walk leader Robert Phipps commented "I am delighted that so many people have joined our group and regularly enjoy the benefits of fresh air and exercise for an hour on a Friday morning. Walking is a very sociable way to stay active and newcomers to the area have found them a great way to make new friends. Best of all, our walks are completely free!"

The success of the scheme has resulted in additional volunteers being recruited to ensure the walks run smoothly, and it is planned to introduce new routes in the Spring.

The walks take place every Friday, starting at the Black Horse at 11am, and ending at the Queens Head for a hot drink. They are open to anyone whatever their ability, and participants are encouraged to go at a speed that suits them.



For more information, Robert can be contacted on 01780 782558, or visit the Walking for Health website.

Fire & Police

Tell us what you think on Future Fire and Police Priorities for North Hampshire

North Hampshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Stephen Mould is launching a new Fire and Rescue Plan

The plan explores the priorities for services that will help create a safer county, along with the evidence that will help to achieve this

A year on from the start of the new Fire and Rescue Plan

The consultation begins on Monday 4 February 2019 and lasts until 3 March 2019

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WHAT'S ON

Woodnewton Cinema

Our next screening will be *Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society* (Rating 12) on 16th March 2019 at 7.30pm – Doors open at 7.00pm.

London, 1946. Juliet, a charismatic and free-spirited writer receives a letter from a member of a mysterious literary club started in Nazi-occupied Guernsey. She decides to visit the island where she meets the delightfully eccentric members of the Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society, including Dawsey, the rugged and intriguing farmer who wrote her the letter. As the secrets from their wartime past unfold, Juliet's growing attachment to the island, the book club and her affection for Dawsey will change the course of her life forever.

Tickets are £5, if you would like to reserve tickets in advance please contact Gary on 470593. There will be a bar available.

Future film and screening dates:

Mamma Mia – Here we go again, 18th May with Gin and Prosecco Bar

Bohemian Rhapsody – 14th September

Stan and Ollie – Date to be confirmed

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

Gary's Walk

My next walk will be a circular walk around Oundle.

The walk is on March 2nd. If you would like to come along please meet at the Drill Hall car park Benefield Road Oundle for a 10.00am start.

For your information the April walk will be around Kingscliffe and is planned for the 13th April.

WHAT'S ON 2

Nene Valley Railway

Southern Steam gala. 9th 10th March.

Guest Locomotives, 'Terrier' 662 Martello and 'Schools class' Repton will join resident locomotive the magnificent 'Battle of Britain Class' 92 Squadron for this weekend. Expect multiple running and the chance to ride behind all for one fare.

Open Weekend 23rd and 24th March.

Free admission to our Wansford and Overton stations. Get behind the scenes of the NVR, visit the workshop, signal box and more for free.

Steam Folk and Morris 13th April

Enjoy Steam trains and traditional English folk music plus morris, clog and sword dances on the platforms.



Who's at Wansford 20th 21st April

Join the 15th Cyber legion charity costume group and the heroes and villains from the long running TV show, prop and costume displays, sonic screwdrivers optional!

Flying Scotsman at NVR

The Flying Scotsman will return to the Nene Valley Railway on 28-30th September 2019 for public running. Tickets must be purchased in advanced for a trip behind this iconic locomotive. The Jolly Fisherman Fish and Chips service will also be hauled by the locomotive and an evening Dining train will

be operating offering a full three course meal. The locomotive appears with kind thanks to the National Railway Museum and Riley & Son (E). **Please do not contact our office for enquires, all the current information will be published on our web page.** <https://nvr.org.uk/product.php/58/flying-scotsman>
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Just Passing Through.

The Oundle 20 mile race takes place on the morning of 17th March. Runners will be passing through Woodnewton. The race is marshalled but please take care when out on the roads.

The Critics

Draculaa Critical Review by The Newsletter's
Arts and Culture Correspondent



Your Arts and Culture Correspondent has enjoyed many, many, Woodnewton Players Pantomimes. This is the first year that an additional performance was scheduled due to audience demand. This is also the first year that



Nominations have been submitted to The Academy of Amateur And Distressed Actors, for the prestigious

award of the WAFTA (Woodnewton Academy of Film and Television Awards). I will announce the nomination at the end of the article.

In previous reviews your Arts and Culture Correspondent, the Players have been complimented on the orchestra in the pit, set design, dramatic lighting, good bangs and flashes and the artistic back drop to the 13 scene changes. This year was no different and a magnificent effort by our band of thespians was evident. Clearly the



production budget was under stress this year, as was evident in the quality of moustache glue; several of the disguises fell off during the performance. Props were generally good, except for the overuse of misty smoke from stage left. This caused the front row audience to choke and cough as they temporality



lost sight of their table, their crisps and drinks in the fog, the costumes were just Fab. The children in the audience suggested there should have been much more blood, particularly since Lidl sells Tomato ketchup at an agreeable discount price. First night nerves were saved by the timely and discreet actions of the prompt.



As to the acting, our boy Dracula adopted a Transylvanian accent based on that nice Romanian chap in the Oundle hand car wash. Regrettably, whilst under acting stress Dracula's accent reverted to Italian, just like that nice Italian Chef on TV. The Dame was brilliant; the jokes, as expected, were excruciatingly awful. The love interest prevailed between Buffy and the tenor, Fred. The romance between the coy Willow and Dr



Bearer was almost heart-warming, but there did seem an age disparity from the latter pairing. Perhaps Internet Dating might help next year.

The highlight of this year's panto was the choreography and performance of the chorus, the Monster Mash dance sequence was both stunning and hilarious. Some of the ladies in the chorus line wore short miniskirts and Fishnet Tights, clearly this overexcited some of our village elders again. The Players must be careful here, but I suppose the defibrillator is close at hand! The solo song by Fred was beautifully delivered.



It continues to amaze us theatrical critics as to how the large cast fits into that stage without frequent collisions. The adaptation of songs from Abba, Gilbert and Sullivan, and Peterborough Night



Club disco party worked so well. It should be said, the composition and lyrics of the original song "Come on Buffy Rescue Fred" will not be recommended for a Grammy. Tradition was of course maintained by the Cameo appearance of Buttercup to close the show, an essential tradition that must be maintained.

We are indeed fortunate to have within



our local community such a talented and enthusiastic group of amateur dramatic actors, singers and dancers. Thanks to Hannah Neighbour, the director and cast for another entertaining and funny show.

Finally, the WAFTA nomination must go to Marilyn Oliver as Musical director and Chorus

Director for the fabulous dance routines which lifted the show

The Woodnewton Newsletter Arts and Culture Correspondent.



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