WOODNEWTON NEWS JANUARY 2020



News and Reports

Woodnewton Parish Council

Parish Council Report - December 2019

The Parish Council met on 2nd December

Speeding

2020 will see the introduction of speed detection signs in the village. Speeding through the Village has long been a problem, especially given the narrow footpaths on parts of Main Street. Previous activities have included a Community Speed Watch initiative, speed awareness signs, and Police monitoring. However, as resources are now being focussed elsewhere and the amount of traffic continues to increase as surrounding villages grow, the issue remains constant. The problem is also exacerbated by the downhill and relatively straight nature of the two main roads and is especially prevalent at school run times. The Parish Council will now have a portable sign that can be deployed in various locations, which not only highlights the speed of the oncoming vehicle, but also can record data that can be used for evidence if the Council decides to pursue further speed enforcement measures.

Local Electricity Bill

The Council has been asked to support the Local Electricity Bill. The Bill did not make it through Parliament because of the General Election but over 115 MPs supported the Bill and it is likely to be revived in the next Parliament. The Bill aims to solve the current problem whereby local renewable energy generators, such as community energy groups, are unable to sell energy that they generate to local people. This is because of the huge set-up and running costs involved in doing so. The Bill would fix this problem by establishing a Right to Local Supply that would make the costs of selling locally generated, clean energy proportionate to the scale of the operation. This would benefit the existing community energy groups across the country and, even more excitingly, create the opportunity for huge growth in such groups and other local, clean energy providers.

Allotments Water Supply

Council agreed to budget £100 for the extension of the water supply to the western side of the allotments. The work is likely to be carried out in the Spring and a call for volunteers to help will be made nearer the time.

Planning

- (a) Application No.19/01611/FUL Council had no objection to this application
- (b) Application No. 19/01817/TCA Council had no objection to this application for the felling of a cedar tree

Council also received notification of a Change of Use for two of the farm barns on Main Street.

Unless plans have changed as a result of the General Election, by the time you read this, 2020 will be the last year of the current Council structure in Northamptonshire with April 2021 seeing the introduction of the single tier authority. Responsibilities of Parishes will become clearer over the next twelve months, but it is likely that there will be many exciting opportunities for Councils to work together to procure services that are much more focussed on the needs of people in our local area. To do this the Council really needs more Councillors. You will see more information on this in the coming months but please consider joining your Parish Council and contributing to the village where you live.

Best Wishes for 2020

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 6th January at 8.00pm Andrew Hansford - Parish Council Chairman

St Mary's Church

January 2020 Church Services at St. Mary's

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5th January 9.30 a.m. Sung Holy Communion (Modern Language)

12th January 11.00 a.m. Informal All Age Service with activities and refreshments.

19th January 9.30 a.m. Sung Holy Communion (Modern Language)

26th January 8.30 a.m. Said Holy Communion BCP (Traditional Language)

We're going to be using our church noticeboard more regularly, so information about services and other things happening will be posted there. Keep watching!

THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to everyone who worked so hard during the Christmas season to enable us to celebrate in church in such a wonderful way. Thank you to everyone who decorated the church, helped with services and took part, provided refreshments and supported our music.

And a special thank you to those who provided and erected our splendid Christmas banner, reminding us that Christmas does indeed begin with Christ.

May the light of Christ continue to shine for all who attended services with us over Christmas and may 2020 be full of blessings for everyone who lives in Woodnewton, those who work here and those who visit.

Every blessing,

Rev. Jane

PETERBOROUGH WINTER NIGHT SHELTER

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who came forward with contributions for this much needed project.

The response was amazing and proved to me what a caring bunch of people we have in Woodnewton

Well done and thank you!

Geraldine Croot

Communicare News - I

The last general patients' meeting was held on November 26th. The subject matter was *Social Care* and associated matters. We welcomed **Gillian Shadbolt** from the Northamptonshire branch of 'Care & Repair', Alison Bourne, Manager of the Integrated Neighbourhood Project and Carol Gill, Practice-based Social Prescriber.

Care & Repair

Although Care & Repair is a national organisation set up by Government in the 1980s with branches in various locations and some of these are funded by local authorities, the Northants branch is independent and entirely self-funding except for some charitable donations. With a staff of five technicians they provide qualified help with most home requirements – visiting potential customers to give quotations and make assessments. In some instances clients can be directed to

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agencies who might provide financial assistance. The staff also work with both the police and fire service where high risk clients have been identified, and with other agencies in respect of the disabled and vulnerable. Although Northants based, work can be carried out cross border if customers are self-financing. There are opportunities within the county for people to apply for some remedial and renovation work free of charge e.g. gas central heating if your location is suitable, your property is without such heating and you are on low income or in receipt of benefits.

Other services available which Gillian touched on are as follows:

NESS (Northamptonshire Energy Saving Service): Free of charge to those living in Northamptonshire. All ages, all tenures of property. Eligibility is low income or benefits. The service provides home warmth assessment and remedial measures in the home plus access to benefits support and tariff switching.

Gas Safety Service: Free of charge to private homeowners living in Northamptonshire. Eligibility is low income/benefits OR having a long term health condition or disability. Provides gas safety check, servicing and repairs

Hardship Fund: Funds cost of small essential repairs for homeowners living in Northamptonshire.

For patients living in Cambridgeshire it was noted that Care and Repair only operates in the East Cambs District Council area. However, Cambridgeshire District Council commissions Age UK to offer a "Handyperson" service which will carry out home safety checks, small works such as putting up grab rails or key safes etc. There is information on: http://bit.ly/age-uk-cambs/ For larger works (ramps, wet rooms etc) there is an organisation called the Cambridgeshire Home Improvement Agency (CHIA). They can support people to apply for a Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) - this is means tested but if someone has savings above the threshold they can still be supported by CHIA as a private client, where the CHIA will manage the project and then charge a fee for doing so. Information is available on their website: www.cambshia.org

Peterborough City Council runs a care and repair service, including a handyperson service. It's very similar to Northants but is Council run rather than a separate organisation. All the information is on the PCC website (on the Adult Social Care pages).

Integrated Neighbourhood Project

Alison then spoke about her new role which has evolved due to Government ruling on the setting up of Primary Care Networks thus resulting in groups of practices caring for up to 50,000 patients. Wansford is now within a network along with Oundle, Yaxley, Fletton, and Whittlesey. The aim of this is collaboration and integration of services with particular emphasis on social care, falls prevention and reducing hospitalisation - working with a multi-disciplinary team to co-ordinate care and support by all the various agencies both NHS and voluntary.

Practice Based Social Prescriber

Carol gave a brief rundown of her role within the community – no referrals are necessary to make arrangements for a consultation with her. She gives advice on a wide range of matters including social benefits, transport, finances and activities – all these are geared to bring peace of mind to patients who may be suffering anxiety or low level mental health problems sometimes brought on by isolation and loneliness.

Dr Takhar spoke about his current 'sabbatical' from normal GP duties to devote time to on-going research projects with particular emphasis on revolutionary new concepts being trialed in connection with heart monitoring. In some instances the practice gets the opportunity to test new equipment on actual patients without any financial implication. As new innovations come on stream these will be of enormous benefit to all patients. The Practice has just been awarded the accolade "Research Practice of the Year" by the Royal College of Physicians; over the last 20 years it has been involved in 60 research studies involving 1500 patients. This research also results in a 'spin-off' of improvement in quality for the Practice's patients.

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Coffee mornings for the social group commence again in February, but they will be holding their post-Christmas lunch at Yarwell Village Hall on 10th January. If any of our regulars have not yet been contacted and wish to attend, please get in touch with Clare: 01780 470437 or email: superfoguk@aol.com

Wendy Spencer



Happy new year to you all.

Last month we had a walk from the village and end up at the White Swan for coffee and mince pies. Pete's mince pies were exceptional and were enjoyed by all – good job I wasn't driving given the amount of alcohol in them!

Unfortunately this month there will not be a walk. Our next walk will be on the 1st February , see next month's newsletter for details of where to meet.

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

Local photographer David Townshend of Pridmore Close has an exhibition *Creating Good Impressions – where art meets photography* at The Yarrow Gallery in Oundle from 11th to 24th January 2020. The exhibition features over seventy abstract and impressionist photographs. It is in two parts: the first is of images created locally, including historic buildings such as Kirby Hall and Cambridge colleges continued in propagated ways. There are also published as the colleges are the compared to the continued of the colleges are the continued in propagated ways.



colleges captured in unexpected ways. There are also multiple exposure images taken in David's garden.



The second part comprises images from David's Coastal Impressions projecthis interpretation of the English coast. "Through patterns, textures or pure abstract, I interpret our coastlines, both broad landscapes and the intimate details of creeks, boats and moorings. The exhibition images include not only iconic subjects such as Lindisfarne Castle and the Thornham coal barn, but also the ordinary or mundane, even concrete wartime defences. The majority of my Coastal Impressions images are created on the Northumberland and especially the Norfolk coasts."

Entry is free and all are welcome. The gallery is open daily, Mon-Sat 1030-1300 & 1430-1700, Sun 1430-1700.

All the details are available here: http://woodnewtonhub.co.uk/events/creating-good-impressions-photography-exhibition/

Woodnewton Cinema

Many thanks to those who came to the screening of Elf and to Santa for dropping in. We all know how busy he is during the run up to Christmas so it was greatly appreciated that he found the time to call by and give the children an early Christmas present.

I would also like to thank everyone for their donations that day for 'Friends of St Mary's Church' and coming along and having a drink at our bar in the evening and taking part in the raffle. We raised f 100 for the friends.

At the time of writing we haven't planned a future screening but it is hoped there will be one in March. Details will be in a future newsletter.

Aladdin





It's been 10 years since Woodnewton Players started its first production of Cinderella. To date we've put on 9 pantomimes and numerous other shows and events. What an amazing 10 years it's been with so many wonderful shows staged in Woodnewton Village Hall. We hope you've had as much fun watching them as we've had putting them on.

Here are a few memories from the last 10 years. We look

forward to seeing you in February 2020 for our next production of Cinderella.

Get in touch woodnewtonplayers@gmail.com





2019 Dracula







Pinocchio

Beauty & The Beast

Treasure Island

Anthony & Cleopatra





Dick Whittington

Northern Soul at The Village Hall



the Village Hall on 30th November. With a great selection of Motown, Stax, Atlantic and Northern Soul classics, the room was bouncing until the 11:55 pm finish. DJs Des Barber, Neil Randle, Nigel Lambert and Paul Aspland spun the vinyl in aid of St Mary's Church Funds. Thanks go out to Paul and Angi for organising such a great night. Anne and Henry Galloway ran the box office and Hilary and Paul Blackmore kept the dancers refreshed running the bar.

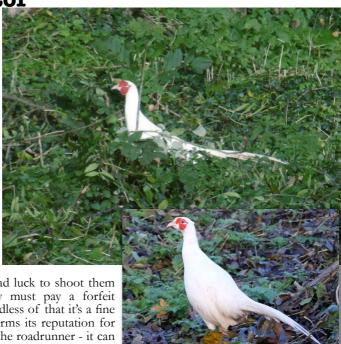
I have not danced so much in years!

Hi-Viz Visitor

There have been number of sightings around the village of a striking and highly visible This visitor. white pheasant was snapped by Dave on the allotment submitted for and publication. following day the bird was spotted in the editor's garden.

According to the internet White Pheasants are not very common and some say that they are bred specifically as "marker" birds for shoots. Also

there are claims that it's bad luck to shoot them and that the guilty party must pay a forfeit donation to charity. Regardless of that it's a fine looking creature and confirms its reputation for being the UK's answer to the roadrunner - it can really move!



Forging a new path

In previous years the cast and chorus of the Woodnewton Players have traditionally had to negotiate the unlit and uneven track behind the Village Hall to get from the meeting room, via the kitchen, to the stage. In the last couple of years the lighting has been improved but for 2020 they will also have a much safer

path to make the short journey less hazardous.

A hardy band of skilled (and unskilled) workers



excavated the path and laid recycled paving stones provided by Clerk of Works and site foreman Adrian Croot. He was joined by Matthew Roberts, Paul Aspland, Paul Blackmore and Grant Neville. Landscaping specialist Colin Crawford put in an appearance at the end to give his approval of the works!

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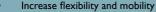


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Woodnewton Village Hall

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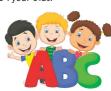
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