

WOODNEWTON NEWS

FEBRUARY 2020



News and Reports

Woodnewton Parish Council

Parish Council Report – January 2020

The Parish Council met on 6th January

Public Time

A member of the public expressed concerns about increased incidents of dog fouling on the Playing Field near to the allotments and openings at the top of the Playing Fields. It was suggested that previous Parish Council attempts at preventing this behaviour such as adverts in the newsletter, signage round the Playing Fields were not sufficient and more needed to be done.

Speeding

By now you should have seen our new Speed detection Device in use around the village. After several initiatives over the years to try and reduce speeding, and a growing problem with speed and traffic levels the Council have managed to obtain the Speed Detection Device. It is a portable sign which will be placed at various locations to keep motorists alert. There will be times when it is not deployed to ensure that it remains fresh and noticeable and does not just become another piece of street furniture that everyone completely ignores.

Planning

- (a) Application No.19/01900/TCA - Council had no objection to this application
- (b) Application No. 19/01884/FUL - Council had no objection to this application
- (c) Application No. 19/01817/TCA – Returned from ENC GRANTED
- (d) Application No. 19/01416/FUL – Permission GRANTED
- (e) Application No. 19/01650/FUL – Permission GRANTED
- (f) Application No. 19/01631/FUL – Permission GRANTED

Dog Fouling and Dogs not under control in the Playing Field

Council discussed the problem of dogs in the village and their owners who are not clearing up after their pets or letting them off the lead in the Playing Field which is clearly signed to the contrary. As always, a minority of dog owners is spoiling the village for everyone else but in the last few months it does seem to be a growing problem and one that the Council is getting many comments about. Councillors highlighted concerns that the Playing Field was being used as a dog exercise area, and the dangers of dog excrement to everyone, especially children. Numerous appeals in previous newsletters or signage does not seem to be effective and so the Council is exploring other preventative methods including blocking a number of routes into the Playing Field, publishing pictures of offending canines in the newsletter, and imposing a Public Spaces Protection Order to either ban dogs from the Playing Field altogether or require them to be kept on a lead and for mess to be cleaned up to be enforced by fines for offenders.

As always the Council noted, and thanks the many dog owners who are responsible and clean up after their pooch. To prevent more draconian measures being implemented that will affect everyone, maybe we should all politely remind those people we see not clearing up after their dog of their responsibilities to the community.

Village Bonfire

Concerns were raised about the continuing existence of the bonfire. The bonfire is still being added to and concerns were voiced about the potential nesting of animals the longer the bonfire remains in existence. The Council agreed it was the responsibility of the Village Hall Committee to action this issue and requested the clerk to write to the Village Hall Committee requesting an action plan

Parish Precept

The Clerk updated councillors on expected year end cash flow and carry forward reserves for the next financial year and proposed budget for 2020/21. The financial benefits of the new streetlights were beginning to be felt which would pay back the interest free loan but rising costs for grass cutting and village maintenance swallowed up nearly 70% of precept. With this in mind and growing uncertainty surrounding the Local Government

Re-Organisation in Northamptonshire

Councillors unanimously agreed a budget for 2020/21 which covered all its known costs and expected increases in those costs and attempted to build up reserves for contingencies. The budget would require a precept increase of £863 or 6% (£14,382 to £15,245)

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 10th February at 8.00pm

Andrew Hansford - Parish Council Chairman

St Mary's Church

February 2020 Church Services at St. Mary's

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

9th February 11.00 a.m. Informal All Age Service with activities and refreshments.

16th February 9.30 a.m. Sung Holy Communion (Modern Language)

23rd February 8.30 a.m. Said Holy Communion BCP (Traditional Language)

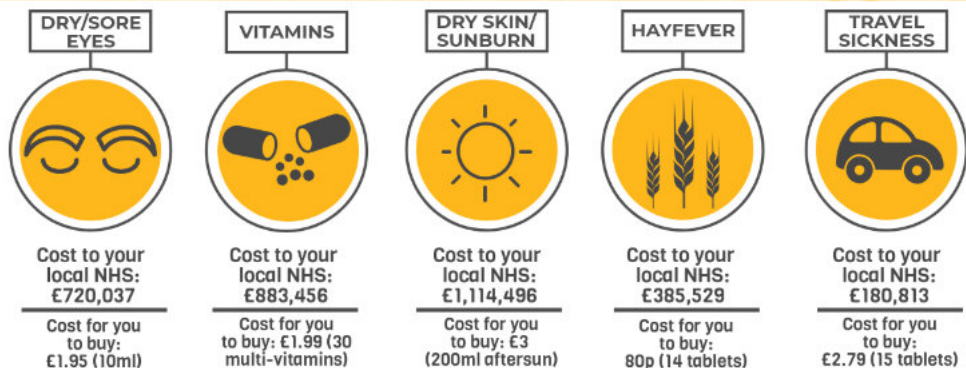
Lent 2020 in the Watersmete Benefice

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 26th February. Our focus for Lent this year is Caring for God's Creation as we reflect upon the problems our planet is facing and how we can make a difference to the future of our planet. Our services and sermons will have a creation theme, as will our Lent studies and groups. There will be booklets we can use available in our churches as well as details of our Lent groups.

We are offering a challenge this year: instead of the usual giving up of chocolate or whatever, what could we each give up that would make a difference to our planet. Each little change we each make can add up to something that could have a real impact. It might be giving up single use plastics, taking our own bags to the supermarket every time so we don't need plastic carrier bags, turning off the tap while we brush our teeth or It will be interesting to discover what ideas we might come up with, but this year let's "Live Lent and Love our Planet!"

DON'T SWALLOW UP YOUR NHS

Your local NHS spends MILLIONS prescribing medicines you can buy from local pharmacies, shops or supermarkets



Save yourself time, and the NHS money, buy your own if you can.

We are doing a piece of work on medications available over the counter, for example something you could buy in a pharmacy or a shop, without a prescription. Lots of people get free prescriptions but can afford to buy over the counter medications, such as painkillers, upset stomach treatment, skin creams and vitamins. There are of course cases where having free prescriptions is the only way to access medications, but for some people buying their own medications would not be too hard.

The area served by the Wansford & Kings Cliffe surgery/pharmacy is one of the locations within the county where we spend the most on prescribing medications which could be bought over the counter. This means the local NHS picking up the cost for the prescriptions for medications which can easily be bought by the public. We need to save money to spend on other things within the NHS, and therefore need to encourage people (if they can afford to do so) to buy their own medications.

The local village newsletters and magazines are an ideal way in which we can reach people to spread this message. The above poster gives just a few examples of the savings that could be made – money which could be spent in other areas to benefit both patients and the whole community.

Helen McPherson

Communications Manager - Cambridgeshire & Peterborough CCG

What's On?



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Cinderella

Wednesday 5th February at 7.30pm

Thursday 6th February at 7.30pm

Sold Out 5th February at 7.30pm

Sold Out 6th February at 2.30pm

Sold Out 6th February at 7.30pm

At Woodnewton Village Hall

Tickets: Adult £10 Children £5

Tickets on sale - January 4th at 10 am

Contact the box office by email
boxofficewoodnewton@gmail.com

Tel: 07941 329494

Tickets are non refundable.

*Cinderella by arrangement with Stage Right Creative Ltd.
Written by Alan P Frayn*



Gary's Walk

The next walk is on Saturday 1st February from Kingscliffe. If you would like come along please meet at the church for a 10.00am start.

Hope to see you there,

Gary

What's On?

This event is some months away but tickets are limited.

Excellar Presents will be bringing an exclusive music event to The Prebendal Manor, Nassington on Saturday 30th May. It's an evening of live music, 2-3 musicians, all singer songwriters. All the musicians are professionals who have been playing for a number of years, gigging all over and in some cases are played on the radio by people like Bob Harris. Headlining is Dessie Magee. For the Nassington event he will bring his band with him.

Brighton based folk/rock singer-songwriter Dessie Magee, hails from Belfast, Northern Ireland where his career began within the heavy underground music scene. With a diverse musical background, Dessie's music has recently taken a softer approach drawing influences from the likes of Hozier, Ben Howard, Nathaniel Rateliff and Fink, though not leaving his heavy roots behind.

Tickets are £16.75 for the music. For an additional cost there will be a bar (wine, beer, soft drinks I think) and supper available. This is an intimate and exclusive event with only about 10 tables available.

You can find out more and book your tickets here: <http://www.excellar.co.uk/Preb-Fest-2020>

Stibbington Community Classes



Sunday, 9th February
13:30 - 16:30
Price £15



Tree of Life

Dreamcatcher Workshop

"Tree of Life" symbolism is found in many cultures throughout history and current times. Meanings include "a connection to everything", "growth, strength and individuality". Such positive themes are undeniably suited to a springtime workshop. So put the winter behind you and come and create your own "Tree of Life" dreamcatcher mobile to bring some positive energy into your home.
(Mobile size is approximately 25cm. All materials and refreshments are provided.)

Location: Stibbington Centre, Church Lane, Stibbington, Peterborough, PE8 6LP

We are just off the A1 near Wansford, with ample free parking.

To reserve places:

Tel: 07580 218792 or email: s.c.classes@protonmail.com

Alternatively you can send a message via our Facebook page

Funds raised go to Stibbington Centre Greener Future Trust (Charity No. 1097019) which aims to improve the Centre's facilities and provide bursaries for disadvantaged children to visit the Centre.

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Large Felted Woodland Picture Workshop

Sunday, 15th March 10:00 - 16:30

Price £45

Come and make a felted woodland picture using wet & needle felting techniques with Eve Marshall, creator of the beautiful piece above. Spend the morning learning to create your own pre-felt to cut up and make trees. Then layer up lots of colours of merino wool, silk and other fibres to create a woodland. After lunch we will be wet felting the layers together and then spend the afternoon needle felting details like birds, an animal or flowers. The finished piece can be a panorama, circle, square or rectangle and will be unique to you. (All materials are provided. Please bring a packed lunch if required.)

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The Stibbington Quiz

February 7th 7:30 pm

Stibbington Centre, Church Lane, Stibbington, PE8 6LP

Tickets £10

Price includes a Stibbington Supper.

Bring your own glasses and tipples of choice.

There will be a wide range of topics, none of which are predictable from the title of the round – truly something for everyone.

If you do not have a team of six people, don't worry, we will perform a matchmaking service. Who knows where this could lead?

Contact us at the Stibbington Centre to book your places and arrange to pay for your tickets.

Tel: 01780 782386 or email: cees.stibbington@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Woodnewton History Group

I have added numerous photographs onto the gallery on the history website (<http://woodnewtonhistory.co.uk/the-gallery/photographs/>).

If anybody has the correct years that the photographs were taken, I would be very happy to receive this information. Many thanks. Marilyn - woodnewtonhistory@gmail.com.



Lost the Plot

The Key to a Tardis?

While clearing out desk drawers at my father's house a few weeks ago I came across the key in the picture. Many of you will recognise it and may well have one lurking amongst your long forgotten possessions along with a pocket calculator or an old film camera. These last two are examples of things that have become largely redundant because they have been replaced by the technological miracle of the smartphone. No need for an old Texas Instruments calculator as you have an app for that. Your smart phone camera gives you so many more options than that old Olympus Trip ever offered and you don't have to pop to the chemist to get your prints back.

Paradoxically that old key is also something that has become redundant because of advances in technology and engineering. "But what is that the key to?" I hear our younger readers ask. Well back in the early days of motoring in the UK the Automobile Association (AA) built call boxes around the country from which their members could call for assistance on the electric telephone when their cars broke down. If you were a member a key like this would enable you to gain access and keep out the riff-raff.

Originally the boxes were bases for AA patrolmen (they were nearly always men back then) and were more like sentry boxes. A larger design allowing members to shelter was introduced in 1927. Their older rival the RAC also had similar boxes and members of either



organisation could use each other's boxes if they broke down. Both organisations continued to build boxes up until the 1960s and at the peak in 1968 the AA had almost 800 and the RAC 500 around the UK. As the 1970s progressed both the AA and RAC gradually began to close and remove the boxes.

Cars became more reliable and by the 1990s the mass adoption of the mobile phone made them obsolete. I would also guess that as both the RAC and AA became commercial organisations rather than membership driven clubs the pressure to reduce costs (as in most areas of life) had its part to play. There are still a few boxes around the country and indeed some are listed buildings.

In many ways the AA and RAC boxes were rather like the police box which has become famous as the Tardis. Maybe the writers of Dr Who considered using an AA or RAC box but I imagine that this would have caused a problem at the BBC, because they could not possibly show favour to one or the other. Maybe in a parallel universe there is a Dr Who whose Tardis is an AA box, and if I could get to that universe my Dad's old key would let me get in and time travel - or maybe not.

If you are the sort of person who likes this kind of thing check out <http://www.the-telephone-box.co.uk/> which has some rather nice pictures and details of these and other telephone boxes.

The Grumpy Geek

Gigaclear

Ultrafast Fibre Broadband

Gigaclear have once again agreed to waive their charges for the broadband and wi-fi for the Village Hall for another year. This is great news for us as it makes the Hall a more attractive venue for people who hold events there.

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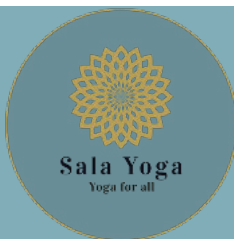
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