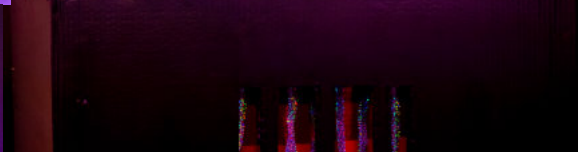


WOODNEWTON NEWS

MARCH 2020

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News and Reports

Woodnewton Parish Council

Parish Council Report – February 2020

The Parish Council met on 10th February

Councillor Activities

Over the last month Councillors have attended both the Joint Action Group Meeting and Oundle Area Group Meeting. These meetings include Oundle Town Council and all local Parish Councils and are an important forum to find out what is happening in the area which may affect us or which we may benefit from. The meetings often include local service providers such as the Police, Fire and Health authorities. The Joint Action Group is mainly focussed on the Police, working with local Councils to identify priorities for the forthcoming period, for example speeding in a particular village, farm thefts, parking enforcement etc, and is a chance for Woodnewton to push for something related to our village, normally speed enforcement. It is also an opportunity to learn about other activities, such as the cross-county lines gangs, door to door salesmen and others that we might need to be alert to. The Oundle Area meeting in February included an update on North Bridge (completion delayed until June at the earliest), the expansion of Oundle, and health service provision which continues to be a challenge. These are all important issues which the Parish Council now gets a chance to feed into and shape, and with the forthcoming change in local government structure, these types of meetings will become more important.

Northamptonshire OPFCC Youth Commission

The Youth Commission has been set up by the Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner to ensure that the views of young people are heard and help change services for the better. The Commission is looking to recruit up to 30 young people from across Northamptonshire to form the 2020 Youth Commission. For more information about the commission go to <http://www.northantspfcc.org.uk/opfcc-youth-commission/> where you will find an information sheet that can be downloaded, and an online application form for anyone interested.

Planning

- (a) Application No.19/01611/FUL - Returned from ENC: PERMISSION GRANTED
- (b) Application No. 19/01884/FUL - Returned from ENC: PERMISSION GRANTED
- (c) Application No. 19/02000/FUL – No Objection

Dog Fouling and Dogs not under control in the Playing Field

Our local Dog Warden visited to offer advice on the way forward to tackle the problem of dog fouling. In the autumn ENC are launching a district wide scheme, which if it is appropriate, Woodnewton could join. Council will continue to monitor this issue and decide nearer the time. In the meantime, ENC have provided additional signage which you may have noticed, reminding dog owners that it is an offence not to clean up after their dog.

As always, the Council noted, and thanks the many dog owners who are responsible and clean up after their pooch.

Date for your Diary

Tuesday 7th April – Annual Parish Meeting 7.30pm Village Hall. This is the annual meeting for residents to ask questions about Council activities or raise any issues you have.

Spring Clean Up Day

The next Clean Up Day will be Saturday 4th April 10.00am. As always, we are looking for volunteers to join in with various tasks which all contribute to our village looking tidy and a great place to live.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 2nd March at 8.00pm

Andrew Hansford - Parish Council Chairman

St Mary's Church

March 2020 Church Services at St. Mary's

1st March 9.30 a.m. Sung Holy Communion (Modern Language)

8th March 11.00 a.m. Informal All Age Service with activities and refreshments.

15th March 9.30 a.m. Sung Holy Communion (Modern Language)

22nd March 8.30 a.m. Said Holy Communion BCP (Traditional Language) Mothering Sunday

29th March 10.00 a.m. Benefice Holy Communion at Wansford.

Lent 2020 in the Watersmete Benefice

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 26th February. We have a service of Holy Communion with Ashing at Wansford at 10.00 a.m. and at 7.00 p.m. All are welcome! If you need a lift, please let Rev. Jane know.

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.

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!"

Lent booklets with short daily readings and suggested actions will be available from our churches. There is also a Kids' Booklet for families to share together. Please do take one.

Lent groups will begin on Thursday, 5th March and will be using the ideas in the Lent booklet. 2.30 p.m. at the Prebendal Barn in Yarwell and 7 p.m. at the Vicarage in Nassington. Again, please do let Rev. Jane know if you would like a lift.

Communicare

COMMUNICARE

(Wansford & Kings Cliffe Surgery Patient Participation Group)

Poor Mental Health – an epidemic of our time!

This is now widely accepted as a major issue affecting all age groups and is the subject of much everyday media coverage.

Dr Rhiannon Nally has kindly agreed to give a talk on this matter at the next general patients' meeting on Tuesday 31st March 2020 at Wansford Surgery – 6.30 pm

The meeting will commence with the talk and any questions from the floor. The usual agenda items, including finance and practice update, will then follow - those wishing to remain will be most welcome to stay.

Communicare

The End of An Era (or is it?)

In 1988 Clare Wagstaffe decided that it would be beneficial for those patients who did not get the opportunity to spend time away from home, to have the chance of a short holiday. She started what became a 'life-line' for many – a fully organised trip by coach to various places in the UK (and in the early days Ireland and France as well). People enjoyed these holidays because they felt safe in the company of other village friends with the added advantage of all the arrangements being made for them – they could just sit back and relax.

Over the last thirty years or more, regulars have dwindled but newcomers have taken their places and the holidays have continued to attract numbers which have made them viable at an affordable level.

That is until this year! It seems ironic that the two holidays in 2019 were perhaps some of the best in recent years – marvellous weather, good hotels and locations. Unfortunately the proposed destinations for this year have not attracted the minimum number of travellers – for various albeit understandable reasons – and it has been with great regret that Clare has had to cancel the provisional bookings with the proposed two hotels in Torquay and Lytham-St.Annes.

It is very sad that these longstanding and much appreciated events seem to have now met their demise – UNLESS!! If after reading this anyone feels they (perhaps together with friends and family) might be interested in taking advantage of a fully organised short break holiday later this year, please get in touch with Clare (01780 470437 or email: superfoguk@aol.com). If enough people express interest she may be able to come up with a suitable destination – the luxury coach with our regular much loved driver, Phil, will pick up from all local villages – the holiday includes hotel accommodation, all travel including daily trips and insurance.

Coach holidays are popular with local firms providing a variety of destinations, but would it not be nicer to travel in the company of friends and people you know, not a load of strangers? Worth a thought hopefully!

The general patients' meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 31st March (see above) and our regular Social Group coffee mornings continue on Friday 20th March at the Kings Cliffe Active hall at 10am – future get-togethers will be on 17th April, 22nd May, 12th June (ongoing dates will be published later in the year). These morning events are a good opportunity to come along and find out what is happening – again if enough interest is forthcoming Clare might be able to organise a couple of day trips during the summer months.

Wendy Spencer

What's On?

Men's Breakfast - 14 March Queens Head Nassington

The popular Men's Breakfast meeting group has been running for just under 2 years meeting every 2 months. Our men's breakfast community is open to all men and is an inclusive event for anyone that would like to come and become part of a wider movement linking our village communities and making new friends.

If you would like to be part of that movement then please join us on **14th March 8.30am until 10.00am** for a hearty breakfast and stimulating discussion! Our guest speaker is Rev Peter Morrell on 'The trials and tribulations of a published novelist' Please reply by email mensbreakfast@btconnect.com to Ian Scott, the volunteer Men's breakfast organiser to book your place. A charge of £10 per head covers the breakfast and donation to the speakers nominated charity..



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Gary's Walk



My next walk will be on March 7th from Easton on the Hill. If you would like to join me please meet at the Church for a 10.00am start.

Hope to see you then.

Gary

Woodnewton Cinema

The next Woodnewton Cinema night will be on March 28th at the Village Hall. We will be screening "Judy". Renée Zellweger won an Oscar, a Bafta and a Golden Globe for her role as Judy Garland in this biographical drama.

The film starts at 7.30pm as usual with licensed bar. Doors open at 7pm..

Arts & Culture



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Arts & Culture

Cinderella 2020 by the Woodnewton Players - The Review

A very funny script with corny jokes galore, plenty of audience participation and lots of songs, resulted in a most entertaining version of this ever-popular pantomime.

As one comes to expect from the Woodnewton Players, there were some clever twists to the traditional portrayal of some of the characters. We had a male Fairy Godmother who, sporting his outrageous costume and tattooed arm, made us laugh from the start; a female Buttons, delightfully played with humour and pathos; plus two female comic builders (aptly named Bodgett and Leggett) who delivered their slapstick routines very well. We also had a male Prince Charming (traditionally a female "Principal Boy" role) and in this we were very lucky, as we were treated to his fabulous singing.

Other main characters were played in the usual way. The Ugly Sisters, in the shape of a very 'grizzled' Grizelda and a rather 'rude' Gertrude, were scarily man-hungry and produced some great comic moments. The poor Baron was at the mercy of his shrieking, overbearing Baroness, who looked extremely elegant in her costume. Dandini was clad appropriately in fishnets and of course Cinderella herself was a pretty young woman, who although dressed in quite a modern style, still looked great, particularly in her ball gown, and delighted us with her beautiful singing voice.

The minor role of the Chamberlain came across well and the members of the Chorus, in their varied and very effective character costumes, boosted the singing in many scenes. The Musical Director had obviously been very busy as there were lots of enjoyable songs with strong accompaniments from the keyboard and violin.

Thank goodness Buttercup appeared, as it simply wouldn't be a Woodnewton pantomime without her!

Huge credit must go to those who planned and painted the great scenery and made the inventive props. I particularly liked the colourful woodland backdrop, and the smoking oven was brilliant. Lighting, sound and special effects were equally creative, enhancing the action on stage. The costumes were original and colourful. I thought the Ugly Sisters dressed as the ABBA girls for the Grand Ball scene, entering to "Dancing Queen", was a very amusing idea! The make up for all the performers looked good and the stage crew had obviously worked hard, resulting in smooth scene changes.

Indeed, the whole talented team, led by Andrew Hansford and Matthew Roberts, delivered a great show to celebrate the tenth anniversary of Woodnewton Players. Everyone involved should be really proud.

Woodnewton Arts Correspondent Feb 2020

Woodnewton History Group

The History group has welcomed a new member this year who is very experienced in websites. Robin has put a counter onto the site and we are pleased that our site is getting an average of 10 hits a day.

Several new editorials have been put on the website since the last newsletter and access to these can be obtained from the home page on the right hand side: Revd Miles Berkeley, Nassington Road (Sycamore Close) and Meadow View (The Old Bakehouse).

Over the next year, the group will be focusing on the old stone properties within the village. If you have any information on your own property, we would be very grateful to receive this.

www.woodnewtonhistory.co.uk

Lost the Plot

Dennis the Menace?

In the last couple of weeks we have been battered by Storm Ciara and Dennis and you have to feel sorry for those poor souls who have had their homes and businesses ruined. By the time you read this maybe we will have been subject to Storm Esmerelda or Evangeline or whatever name the meteorologists come up with (I have just checked and it's the rather more prosaic Ellen). I have a theory that these storms have become worse since we started naming them. When weather systems were nameless they seemed much more benign. Naming them has boosted their egos and each succeeding storm wants to outdo its predecessor. They are greedier for coverage on the TV and the front page of newspapers. And don't get me onto social media. Is there some cloud based atmospheric social media platform where Dennis berates Ciara and Brendan and boasts about trees uprooted and towns flooded? I hate to think what chaos a storm called Donald or Boris could unleash.

Then there are the colour coded weather warnings. When did these start? I certainly don't remember any coloured weather when I was young. I am sure many of our younger readers (if there are any) won't remember Michael Fish's famous announcement in 1987 telling a woman not to worry as there was no hurricane on the way. The following day we experienced the so-called "storm of the century" which flattened swathes of trees across the country and actually took a great chunk of our roof and deposited in next door's garden. As far as I remember this storm was nameless and colourless and

maybe it proves my theory about naming storms completely wrong.

When I was a kid there seemed to be more snow than there is now and a yellow snow warning had less to do with train delays and more to do with not eating it. Now we have yellow, amber and red warnings for snow, wind and rain. I have yet to see one but maybe there are green warnings for plagues of frogs and pink warnings for herds of unicorns, but that seems somewhat far-fetched.

Less flippantly technology certainly does have an impact on the way we react to and deal with the succession of deluges and hurricanes. Weather apps on our phones and other devices can be very useful. Set up notifications and they can keep you informed in real-time of what to expect. I use a couple and compare them. The UK Met office app is rather good and includes nice video forecasts and maps with all the colour coded warnings. I also like the Norwegian met office's app (yr.no) which has a nice simple interface and seems pretty accurate. And no warnings for plagues of frogs or unicorns on either— so far at least.

I read this week that the UK met office is spending about a billion pounds on a new supercomputer which will help them predict weather more effectively. I trust that it's not running Windows as I suspect that it may be running an automatic update or virus check just when we need it to predict hurricane Napoleon.

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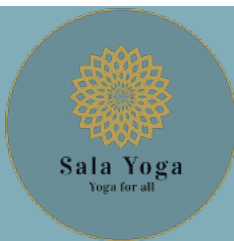
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