

# WOODNEWTON NEWS

APRIL 2020



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# News and Reports

## Woodnewton Parish Council

### **Parish Council Report - March 2020**

The Parish Council met on 2nd March

#### **General News**

Considering the rapidly changing circumstances surrounding the Coronavirus this report is slightly different to normal.

By the time you read this, restrictions on social contact, travel and general daily life will have taken effect. A support group in the Village is making plans to help residents where possible. If you can join in with this effort it would be greatly appreciated.

It is at times like this that our community spirit shines through, and although we are only a small village, the myriad events that happen every week are evidence of just how strong the 'community' is. Now we need that strength to focus on supporting and caring for each other.

The Parish Council is playing a role in co-ordinating the groups that are being formed and acting as a conduit for information received from ENDC.

If anyone needs any help at all and does not have access to support, please contact a member of the Parish Council. Alternatively, please telephone me and leave a message and I will do my best to source help for you.

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#### **General Council Business**

The May local elections have been postponed for a year. The Council is taking advice on meetings and may meet via a conference call or similar. While business does need to continue, we need to do so in a sensible way. If you have any questions or matter relating to normal Parish Council business please contact the Parish Clerk in the usual way,

#### **Spring Clean Up Day - CANCELLED**

**The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 6th April at 8.00pm**

Andrew Hansford - Parish Council Chairman

# St Mary's Church

## **April 2020 Church Services at St. Mary's**

5th April 11.00 a.m. Informal Worship and Craft for Palm Sunday

9th April 7.00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service at Nassington

10th April 2.00 p.m. Good Friday Devotions

12th April 9.30 a.m. Sung Holy Communion (Modern Language) for Easter Day

19th April 9.30 a.m. Sung Holy Communion

26th April 8.30 a.m. Said Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

We will be celebrating Easter in strange times this year, surrounded by the continuing concern about the coronavirus outbreak. The list of services above are what we hope to be able to provide, but our ministry team may be depleted if there is any self-isolation or health concerns so we may need to reduce services. **Changes will be communicated on our Sunday Link and on the church notice boards.** In services, those involved will be scrupulous about hand hygiene and following the directive from the Archbishops, we will receive only the bread at Communion and exchange the Peace in non-contact ways.

The Church of England has published this prayer that you might like to use:

A prayer about the Coronavirus outbreak

**Keep us, good Lord,  
under the shadow of your mercy  
in this time of uncertainty and distress.  
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,  
and lift up all who are brought low;  
that we may rejoice in your comfort  
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Amen.**

Whatever happens in one way or another we will celebrate the Easter message of Christ's triumph over death and all darkness in the resurrection and seek his presence and comfort through these days.

As we do, we seek to support those in need and those who are anxious and isolated. If anyone needs support or just a listening ear, do contact one of the church members or Rev. Jane.

## **SAVE THE DATE - SATURDAY , 3rd OCTOBER - RACE NIGHT**

Due to the success of the 2018 RACE NIGHT, St Mary's Fundraising group will be holding another event this October.

### **Editors Note:**

With the current uncertainty regarding Covid-19 please check with the relevant organisers that their events will actually go ahead.

## Wansford Surgery - Pandemic News

Wansford Surgery has adapted the way it works to cope with the current COVID-19 pandemic.

All GP face to face appointments have been cancelled, but they have been converted to telephone appointments instead. Going forward, we are booking routine GP telephone consultations (or video consultations where appropriate). In addition, we are still operating our emergency telephone triage system for health concerns that arise on the day. Any patient that requires a face to face appointment will be invited to attend at a specific time. Upon arrival we will check your temperature. The outer glass doors are open but the inner doors are locked to prevent patients walking in to the building who have not been screened. A member of staff will be there to greet you. Kings Cliffe surgery is closed except for collection of medication. Patients should access via the rear of the building. An alternative way of contacting the surgery are via EngageConsult, the link is available on our website. Please ensure you sign up for two-way messaging if you chose this method.

In terms of nursing appointments, we will continue to offer urgent blood tests (as requested by the GP), INR bloods, urgent ECG's, urgent swabs, essential injections, dressings, suture removal, baby immunisations (held in a separate building). Some annual reviews may be done over the phone where suitable as can pill checks and travel advice. Routine nurses appointments such as cervical screening, health checks, blood tests for medication reviews, ear syringing, blood pressure checks, 24 hour ECG's are all suspended.

Midwifery, baby immunisations, physiotherapy, ultrasound are all continuing. All patients attending for these appointments will have their temperature checked prior to being permitted to enter. Our staff are also being checked upon arrival.

We are doing all we can to protect our community - patients and staff alike - and your cooperation is very much appreciated. We ask that you follow government advice regarding self-isolation and social distancing.

If you have access to Facebook check out our page (Wansford and Kings Cliffe Practice) where we are posting regular information.

## Communicare News

Based on Government advice regarding the corona-virus outbreak and recommendation received from Dr Takhar at Wansford surgery, the general patients meeting which was due to be held on 31st March was cancelled.

The same applied to our Social Group coffee morning last month.

All meetings and events will only be resumed as and when official guidance deems it is safe for such gatherings to recommence.

**Wendy Spencer**

# What's On?

## Kings Cliffe Walking Football

Kings Cliffe Walking Football at Kings Cliffe Active every Monday afternoon 3pm to 4pm. Everyone made welcome, ladies and gents 30s to 70s come and join our friendly group of walking footballers. Just come along or email Mark Mcvitty mmcvt@aol.com – for details

<https://www.facebook.com/KCWanderers/>

**Please note as of 15<sup>th</sup> March Walking Football is cancelled until further notice. Keep an eye on the Facebook to check when it is re-instated.**

## Nene Valley Railway

### Take a Steam hauled Easter trip

Change trains at Yarwell, Wansford, Overton, Orton Mere and Peterborough for a trip in our Swedish Railcar.

Easter is the traditional start of family fun at the NVR and we are planning a weekend of enjoyment for all. Advance booking highly recommended. [www.nvr.org.uk](http://www.nvr.org.uk)

- Easter Bonnet Competition - Judging - 2pm on Sunday 12th April
- Face painting available Saturday 11th & Monday 13th April 11:30 - 14:30
- Take pictures with Thomas
- Easter Craft and colouring station
- Storytelling and meet the Easter Bunny
- Stop off at Yarwell for a Picnic in the Station Garden
- Shop at Wansford for those essential Thomas and other railway gifts
- Wansford Garden Railway
- Children's play area at Wansford
- Enjoy refreshments from our Café while watching the trains and ducks at our riverside picnic area
- Break your journey at Overton and visit the country park
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guidance - see future issues for  
updates**

**Bingo in the Village Hall**  
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Alex 01753 101  
Dillon 07753 584012 **£10**

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# Lost the Plot

It's a strange time to be editor of a small village magazine. Much of what we usually include revolves around the social gatherings in and around Woodnewton. I had a list of events to publicise and as submission date passed it became obvious that many of them would have to be cancelled or postponed in light of the changing directions from government. I have included a few with cancellation notices so it's very clear that they are not happening.

The instruction to isolate means that the day-to-day social interaction we normally enjoy will be sadly curtailed. I was thinking about how we can use the technology tools to help. Here are a few ideas.



1. **Video coffees:** instead of popping around to your friend's for a coffee set up a video call and enjoy some chat and gossip. There is a host of different video calling options - Skype, Apple Facetime, Whatsapp and Facebook Messenger all support video calls. If you are connected to your wife they are free as well. My friend's daughter just informed me that if you set up a group on Facebook Messenger or Whatsapp with a group of friends you can even start an instant group video call.



2. **Make the most of free TV apps:** Most people are pretty familiar with BBC's iPlayer and the ITV Hub for watching TV programmes on their TV box, phone or Tablet. As well as these Channel 4 offers the All 4 app which has a very impressive back catalogue and Channel 5 has the My5 app. The UKTV Player includes programmes from Dave, Yesterday and Drama channels. Dplay covers Quest, Really, the Food Channel and HGTV.

3. **Join Netflix for a month:** We have no idea how long the current lockdown will last but if you like watching films and TV you could join Netflix. Unlike the other TV services Netflix is not free but if it's your first time your first month is free. The other good thing is that you can cancel at any time if you do decide to keep it. And remember if you have Amazon Prime you can take advantage of Amazon Prime Video and Music as part of your package.



4. **Netflix Party:** If you and some friends have got Netflix you can use a new feature called Netflix Party where you can all watch the same film in your own homes at the same time. It includes a group chat. I have not tried this myself but it requires the use of a computer as you need to install some extra software in your Chrome browser.



5. **Listen to Podcasts.** If you have not tried listening to podcasts, now may be a great time to start. I wrote about this on page 10 of November's issue and you can check that out on the Woodnewton hub website. <http://bit.ly/swnnewsnov19>.



6. **Buy some jigsaws on eBay:** if you like jigsaws charity shops are a great place to get them inexpensively but if you are unable to get out to the shops then why not look on eBay. There are always plenty available, many at very reasonable prices.



7. **Walk your dog at a distance:** If you walk your dog, why not do it with friends, just keep the recommended 2 metres distant from your friends. The dogs can get as close as they like.

If you have any suggestions of your own why not email me at [newswoodnewton@gmail.com](mailto:newswoodnewton@gmail.com).

Whatever you decide to do, take care of yourself and consider others too.

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**Yoga classes at the Village Hall have been postponed in light of the Covid-19 guidance from HM Government. Please watch this space for further information.**

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<https://www.facebook.com/WoodnewtonVillageHall/>.

## Useful Numbers and Information

<b>Parish Council Clerk</b>	woodnewtonpc@gmail.com
<b>Village Hall Booking</b>	Marilyn Jenner 01780 470758
<b>Neighbourhood Watch</b>	woodnewtonnw@googlemail.com
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Shopping	Supplies	Posting Letters
Collecting Parcels	Picking Up Prescriptions	Dog Walking
Supplying books, puzzles, etc	A friendly phone call	Sharing News

There are a team of volunteers based in the village who are happy and willing to help for free so please don't feel alone - we are all in this together. If you live on your own, please let us know and we will arrange regular calls to you to stay in touch.

**To contact us, you can call, email or use the Facebook page as follows:**

Adrian Croot: 07936 899250      Di Guttridge: 07817 314245  
Debra Harper: 07971 696661      Claire Hughes: 07971 149047

Email: [woodnewtongroup@gmail.com](mailto:woodnewtongroup@gmail.com)  
Facebook: Woodnewton Support Group

We will then put arrangements in place via ourselves or the many people who have come forward to help.

The White Swan have made their full menu available to take away as well as their usual take away menu and will be offering a delivery service. They will also be offering entire week nutritionally balanced meal packs delivered to those self isolating. Further information will be given about this shortly. The contact number for the White Swan is 01780 470944.

This is just the start of how the Woodnewton Support Group is taking steps to help us all. If you have any ideas or requirements, please use the contact details above. Similarly, if you would like to help, please do let us know.

**Please remember that Coronavirus is contagious.** Please take every precaution to ensure you and everyone stays safe. Avoid physical contact (keep at least a 2m distance) and stay at home if that is the advice given to you. Wash your hands regularly. Shopping, supplies etc. may have to be left outside but you will be called to let you know it is there.

**Let's spread nothing but kindness in the community**