

WOODNEWTON NEWS

NOVEMBER 2020



News and Reports

Woodnewton Parish Council

Parish Council Report – October 2020

The Parish Council met on 5th October

The Council met again this month via internet conferencing which enables business to carry on under the current restrictions.

Playground Equipment

The Roundabout and Rocking Horse are now out of commission for a period of time as they undergo a complete repair and overhaul which will ensure that these vintage pieces of original playground equipment remain safe and in good working condition for many years to come. You may have noticed the area have been fenced off for safety.

Planning

Council received 2 new applications: 20/01021/TCA and 20/01161/TCA. Both were considered and returned without objection.

Cemetery

An increase in Cemetery fees was discussed but no decision was reached, and the matter will be decided at a future meeting.

Allotments

All plots are let for the coming year. The Council thanks all allotment holders for their efforts in keeping plots tidy over the last 12 months.

Village Hall

Councillors expressed concern over the continuing closure of the Village Hall when surrounding halls were open or opening. Concerns included regular users finding other venues and not returning, hence loss of future income and threat to facility. It was appreciated that opening the facility required investment in terms of risk-assessments, bureaucracy and issues of cleaning and sanitisation. The Council agreed to write to the Village Hall Committee to see if the Council could help to facilitate and encourage the re-opening.

Bonfire Site

The Bonfire site is now CLOSED. Please do not use the site as a dumping ground. Garden waste should be disposed of via the Brown Bin Scheme or taken to the Recycling Centre.

Autumn Clean-Up

The Autumn Clean-up took place on Saturday 17th October. 22 volunteers took part and the tasks completed included litter picking, pruning, hedge clipping, and ivy removal. Many thanks to all who worked hard to keep the village looking nice. Look out for the next Clean-Up day in the Spring.

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

Andrew Hansford - Parish Council Chairman

WOODNEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Parking

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St Mary's Church News

As we live with restrictions required due to Covid-19, we are all finding ways of doing things a little differently. Our church services have continued and it has been wonderful to continue to gather together for worship. Thank you to everyone who is helping out to make that all possible.

November is the month of remembering. We begin with the commemoration of All Saints and All Souls which will take place during our morning Communion service on 1st November. Within that service we will remember those who have meant so much to us in this life, and now rest in God's eternal care. If there is someone you would like named during the service, please let Rev. Jane know.

The following week, we will hold our Remembrance Day service. Due to the limitations of numbers in church due to social distancing, we will hold this service in the churchyard. It will be a shorter service that will include the Act of Remembrance, the Act of Dedication and prayers. This will be one of our first services where we will have to be particularly creative this year. We are already thinking about how we can offer Christmas celebrations to mark that most special time.

May this month of remembering be a time of comfort and strength for all; a time to give thanks for past and present blessings and a commitment to let those thanksgivings shape our commitment through the challenging months to come. May the grieving find comfort and the anxious find peace within the love of God.

If anyone would like to receive our Sunday Link with information about our activities each week, please do let Rev. Jane know. (01780 782271 – jdtailby@aol.com)

With every blessing,

Rev Jane

Services at St. Mary's Church, Woodnewton – October 2020

1st November 9.30 a.m. Said Holy Communion (Modern Language)

8th November 10.55 a.m. Remembrance Sunday Service IN THE CHURCHYARD

15th November 9.30 a.m. Said Holy Communion (Modern Language)

22nd November 8.30 a.m. Said Holy Communion BCP

29th November 10.00 a.m. BENEFICE SERVICE AT NASSINGTON

COMMUNICARE

Wansford & Kings Cliffe Patient Participation Group 2020 Annual General Meeting

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, it is with regret that the Officials have no alternative but to postpone this year's Annual General Meeting.

Normally held in September this would have been the 39th AGM – it is hoped easing of restrictions will allow this to take place sometime in the early part of 2021.

In order that the role of the PPG may continue, the current elected Officials have agreed to continue until such time as they can seek re-election at the next AGM.

Regular quarterly meetings of the Officials are being successfully achieved via the Internet 'Zoom' facility together with discussions with Practice staff on any relevant matters.

Any information of interest to patients will be included on the Surgery's website or by notice in local village newsletters.

CHANGING TIMES

Hi! I'm Dr Rhiannon Nally from the Wansford and Kings Cliffe General Practice and with my colleague, Dr Amrit Takhar, we are writing to ask you to help us, please.

In addition to the extensive clinical and consultation facilities at Wansford Surgery, we are committed to continuing a viable healthcare facility at Kings Cliffe, and to do this we are already working with Kings Cliffe Parish Council, Kings Cliffe Active and the Practice's Patient Participation Group – all local people. In time, we'd like to seek your reactions to our ideas as they develop further.

We want to enable innovative, creative and long term yet uninterrupted healthcare provision to continue to be based in Kings Cliffe in line with local wishes and within the confines of national policy and Practice plans.

All over Britain, the Covid-19 pandemic has dramatically changed forever the way we deliver primary care services. Though clinicians still see patients directly face-to-face when this is needed, much is now being done remotely, through telephone, skype, email and video. Our Practice is also increasingly using the skills and expertise of other healthcare professionals such as specialist nurses, paramedics, pharmacists and others to continue to deliver a safe and comprehensive service to all the patients in our care wherever they may live.

We will continue the Prescription Pick-up Service in Kings Cliffe and we also see opportunities to extend and expand the services we provide such as a remote access point for video consultations which will serve those who cannot access internet services from home, as well as providing health coaches, social prescribers and various classes for patients aimed at improving their health. We hope to illustrate these and other ideas at an open session for people from Kings Cliffe and the surrounding villages at Kings Cliffe Active and also through the magazines of the villages whose residents we care for.

We believe that working with the local community, the Kings Cliffe Active site can provide an ideal base for this, as we have already seen in a small way with the very successful 'drive-by or walk-in' flu jabs there.

All of this is for consultation until the end of the year after which we hope to be able to announce specific plans and timescales for the future. We hope that you will feel able to help us in this, please.

Rhiannon Nally

Wansford Surgery - Flu Vaccinations

FLU PLAN FOR ELIGIBLE PATIENTS Under 65

A further 'drive and walk-through' session for this years' INFLUENZA vaccination programme for all eligible under 65s has now been arranged at the Kings Cliffe Active Site (Kingsmead, Station Rd, King's Cliffe, Peterborough PE8 6YH). The date and times are as follows:

Saturday 7th November 2020:

If your surname begins with	A or D attend between	9.00 - 10.30
	E or J attend between	10.30 - 11.30
	K or P attend between	12.00 - 13.00
	Q or Z attend between	13.30 - 14.30

Letters of invitation have been sent out - **YOU MUST BRING YOUR LETTER WITH YOU ON THE DAY as this will prove eligibility.**

You will not need to exit your vehicle. You will be asked to switch off your engine and apply the parking brake when the nurse is giving the vaccination.

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There will be staff along the route giving you clear directions. There will also be staff on the site to explain where to go.

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WOODNEWTON HISTORY GROUP

Health Walks get a Re-boot!

After a break of six months owing to the Coronavirus crisis, the local area's health walks resumed in September, with two additional regular walks joining the more established locations. The walks are classed as outdoor physical activity events and are therefore exempt from the latest restrictions introduced in September.

The newest additions to the programme are Barnwell Country Park and Fermyn Woods Country Park. At around 40 minutes, these walks are perfect for those recovering from illness or simply wanting to get back into regular exercise.

Full details of all our local health walks are as follows:

Kings Cliffe, Tuesday at 11am. Meet at the Ex-Serviceman's Club, Wood Road. Duration 1 hour. Refreshments available afterwards. Contact Barry Hurcombe – 01780 471070.

Barnwell, Wednesday at 1.30pm (term time only). Meet at the park café. Duration 40 mins. Refreshments available afterwards. **Contact Amber McNaughton by email: educationrangers@northamptonshire.gov.uk.**

Warmington, second Wednesday of the month, 11am. Meet at the Red Lion. Duration 1 hour. Bring your own refreshments. Contact Gill Coffey - 01832 280491.

Fermyn Woods, Thursday at 1.30pm (term time only). Meet at the park café. Duration 40 mins. Refreshments available afterwards. **Contact Amber McNaughton by email: educationrangers@northamptonshire.gov.uk.**

Nassington, Friday at 11am. Meet at the Black Horse. Duration 1 hour (shorter options available). Refreshments available afterwards. **Contact Robert Phipps - 01780 782558.**

Walkers are encouraged to go at a pace that suits them, and all the walks are planned to avoid difficult terrain and obstacles such as stiles and thick mud. The emphasis is very much on enjoyment rather than endurance!

For more information about the *Walking for Health* scheme and details of other walks (there are 2,500 across the UK!), check out the Walking for Health website.

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WOODNEWTON HISTORY GROUP

As we are coming up to the end of what has been a very unusual year for everybody, I thought that it would be a good idea to let you know what has been happening within the Village History Group:- "At our February meeting it was mooted that it would be interesting to know whether our website (which had been running for a year) was being accessed and read by anybody. Robin, a new member of our group very kindly installed a counter onto our site and it was pleasing for the group to find that it was being looked at about 10 times a day initially, and now stands at 3,290 (13th October) hits.

Our monthly meetings since lockdown have been held on Zoom, and various topics discussed. Members have taken on board subjects to research and I am very pleased to report that there are several new editorials that are live on the site: Church Restoration, Woodnewton Scout Troop, The Playing Field in two parts, Horse & Jockey Field and the Allotment site, Woodnewton Boulers and the Old Post Office. There are now 180 editorials for you to read on the website, which have been written by members of the group and guest writers. *As a preview of what's available on the website the editor has replicated the start of the brief history of the 1st Woodnewton & Apethorpe Scout Troop below.*

We are always looking for interesting aspects of life in Woodnewton in earlier years to research. If you have any details you are willing to share, please contact us via the website.

The Short History of the 1st Woodnewton & Apethorpe Scouts

In 1961 there were obviously sufficient boys of the right age in the village and Apethorpe who were interested in joining a scout group.

So, on Tuesday, 7th February a group of parents who were interested got together at the vicarage to discuss the formation of a scout group in the village. Six parents, (Messrs Sharpe, Chambers, Hollowell, Spademan, George and Benfield) and the vicar, Revd Basil Turner were present. It was agreed that these parents become the committee, with Mr Sharpe as Chairman and Mrs Benfield to act as Secretary and Treasurer. The vicar agreed to act as scout master.

Several important issues were discussed, the main one being how the Troop was to be funded. A weekly subscription of 6d per week per scout was agreed. It was thought that a letter to the villagers asking for a donation might be the best way forward and this was to be put into action immediately. The vicar stated that it was also important that the scouts themselves should work to raise funds too.

The vicar offered the loft of the Coach House building at the front east side of the vicarage garden as headquarters for the boys. However, it would have to be cleaned out and decorated plus electric power for lighting needed to be installed.

The scouts would need a uniform and it was agreed that they should kit themselves out with khaki shirts and shorts and green berets. The colour of the neckerchief to be decided by the scouts when they meet.

You can find the full article on the website by following this shortcut: <http://bit.ly/wnscouts>:

The Home page is here: <http://woodnewtonhistory.co.uk/>

A Family Tree For Christmas

The History Group does not have any income, so apart from the initial grants and donations, any expenses incurred in our research are self funded. With that in mind, I am going to offer the opportunity for you to buy a special Christmas Present for a member of your family:

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Lost the Plot

Alexa - write a column for the newsletter

Many of us have smart things these days. I don't mean smart clothes, because dressing up these days usual means smart-casual. Smart phones, smart speakers; even our cars are getting smart. Some of these smart things have screens that you prod and swipe but the ones that I am interested in today are the ones you talk to. The ones that are brought to life when you say their magic word - "Alexa", "Hey Google", "Hey Siri". They will play your favourite radio station, podcast or playlist; give you the latest weather forecast; help you navigate; read you the news. With the right smart doorbell you can answer your door with their assistance. If you are nerdy enough (like me) you can get them to switch electrical appliances and lights on or off and adjust the heating.

I like these smart things. I probably have too many in my home, encouraged by their usefulness and bargain promotion offers. I started some years ago probably while Alexa and Siri were still in nappies and had yet to speak their first words. I had little dongles plugged in to TVs and Hi-fis that would let me stream music and videos. I had to poke, prod and swipe my iPad or use my laptop to direct the music or video. Then along came the virtual assistants. The best known - and in my opinion the most capable - is Alexa. She (or he if you prefer) comes for free when you buy one of a multitude of Amazon Echo and Fire devices. I wouldn't say I love Alexa (I save that for her almost namesake) but like her almost namesake, I am really impressed by what she can do. But she and her other assistants do create some confusion. For my sins I have two Echo devices within hearing distance of each other and to save me confusing them when I say the "A-word" I have set one up so that it recognises the word "Echo" instead. So if I want to listen to the radio in the kitchen I say "Echo - play BBC Radio 2" or "Echo play my 70s playlist on Spotify". In the living room I just say "Alexa" instead of "Echo". But when you get to my age (which you can estimate from my musical choices), remembering Echo or Alexa can be a challenge. I tell Alexa to play while I am in the kitchen and nothing happens so I shout a bit louder and she hears me in the living room and starts playing there. Then I get my phone mistaking some

word for "Hey Siri" and she starts listening to me and comes up with some answer to a question I never asked - usually "I am not sure about that - here's what I found on the web." I say "Alex - shower time" to switch on the pump that I have wired to a smart plug thingy, and I get a list of films that are playing at the cinema in Peterborough popping up on the screen of the bedside Echo show that acts as our alarm clock. It's not the end of the world but it does get confusing.

The price is right (or wrong)

One of the reasons I have this proliferation of smart speakers is that they are so cheap. If you buy them at the right time (Amazon Prime Day, Black Friday) Amazon's Echo Dot comes for less than £20. It is an amazingly capable piece of technology for that amount. Plug it into an old HiFi and it gives it a new lease of life and gives you great sound quality. You can stream music from your phone, Spotify and a multitude of radio stations from around the world. And all by using your voice as a remote control. To me that's a complete bargain. Price wise, at the other end of the scale we have that other near ubiquitous piece of technological wizardry, the smartphone. There are some conspicuous bargains in the smartphone world but most people don't seem to go for those. Everyone wants an iPhone or a top end Samsung Galaxy. Apple launched their latest flagship iPhone 12, the most expensive of which is priced at £1,399. It's an amazing thing with about 5 cameras, huge memory, high speed 5G connection, something called LiDar that can see in the dark and a massive high definition screen. It comes with an A14 Bionic processor that is at least 100,000 times more powerful than the computer that got men to the Moon. It's incredible but you could buy 70 Amazon Echo Dots for that. I am not sure what you would want with 70 Echo Dots, but is it really 70 times more useful? By way of a completely spurious comparison the cheapest new car in the UK is the Dacia Sandero which costs around £8,000. For the cost of 70 Dacia Sanderos you could buy two of the most expensive production Ferraris. You can get more shopping and a dog in the back of the Dacia. Of course neither the Dacia or the Ferrari will answer to the name Alexa - yet.

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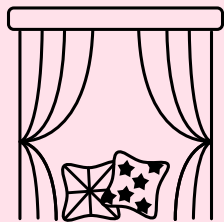
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